

[Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath]
in the House, on the reports and the
action taken thereon by the Govern-
ment.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: The
type of letters....(Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Bahuguna...

REPORT OF OIL PRICES COMMITTEE
(NOVEMBER, 1976) AND REVIEW ON AND
ANNUAL REPORT OF BHARAT PETRO-
LEUM CORPN., LTD., BOMBAY, ETC.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILI-
ZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): I
beg to lay on the Table:—

(1) A copy of the Report (Hindi
and English versions) regarding with-
Prices Committee—November, 1976.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-
2325/78].

(2) A copy each of the follow-
ing papers (Hindi and English ver-
sions) under sub-section (1) of
section 619A of the Companies Act,
1956:—

(i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Bharat
Petroleum Corporation Limited,
Bombay, for the year ended 31st
December, 1976.

(ii) Annual Report of The
Bharat Petroleum Corporation
Limited, Bombay, for the year
ended 31st December, 1976 along
with the Audited Accounts and
the comments of the Comptroller
and Auditor General thereon.

(3) A statement (Hindi and Eng-
lish versions) showing reasons for
delay in laying the above papers

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-
2326/78].

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA (Can-
nalore): Sir, the hon. Member wanted
a discussion on the earlier item, and
wanted to know what is the opinion
of the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: The report has been
placed on the Table.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
(Begusarai): The whole thing is that
the Shah Commission thought it neces-
sary to submit interim reports, con-
sidering the urgency of the matter.
The House also attaches importance.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Mishra, I have
also looked into the matter. The re-
port has been submitted only today.
There cannot be a proper debate if it
is only for one day, that is on Wednes-
day. It is not possible at all. In fact,
there was a suggestion.... Mr. Bahu-
guna, you have placed it on the
Table....

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: Yes.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Let
the Prime Minister say something.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, Mr.
Mavalankar.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA:
Sir, may I seek your guidance?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Mavalankar, I
have called the third item. You have
raised an objection to it.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA:
We seek your guidance in this matter.
(Interruptions).

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: With
your permission, Mr. H. V. Kamath
made a statement and you said that
notice was required, and he has given
a notice. He said that a discussion...

MR. SPEAKER: Quite right. He has
given notice.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: He
should know what is the opinion of
the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: It is for the Gov-
ernment to give an opinion.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: You
may ask the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: I am not asking the Government.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: When an important matter of this nature is raised and the entire House, the whole country is interested, the Government should come forward with their opinion. He wanted a discussion on it. One day, or 3 days—

MR. SPEAKER: It will open up a debate. This is not a matter.....

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: My submission is: "Could not the House after a brief discussion, refer the two reports to a committee of the House which could process certain recommendations?"

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Mavalankar: what is your point on item 3?

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: My esteemed friend, the Minister of Petroleum has just now laid certain papers, under item 3. Sub-item (1) of item 3 says that the report of the Oil Prices Committee is dated November 1976. We are now in May 1978. It is delayed by almost one and a half years. We have been asking so many times whether you would permit this kind of delay, especially when the reports are as important as the present one. I am sure the Minister will agree with me when I say that this Report is important, because it deals with the Report of an important Committee like the Oil Prices Committee. Why should the Government have taken such a long time of 1½ years to lay the Report of that Committee on the Table of the House. My information is that the main Report was in English and the delay has taken place because its translation into Hindi took such a long time. In that case, I demand that at least the English version of the Report should have been made available immediately, so that the House can know and the entire country know what the Committee has said. The Hindi Report

can come later on. Now, under the guise that the Hindi version of the Report is not ready, the entire Report was kept away from the House and from the country for more than a year.

Item No. 2 is "Review by the Government on the working of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bombay, for the year ended 31st December, 1976." The period of delay is almost the same. Sir, I would request you to look into the matter. If the Hindi translation is not immediately available, either he should expedite that or atleast place the English copy of the Report on the Table of the House, as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: I have said it repeatedly. Whatever I have to say, I have said, so many times in this House.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOMBAY ETC.

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(DR PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER).
I beg to lay on the Table:—

(1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi** version) of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay for the year 1976-77. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2327/78].

(2) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, for the year 1976-77.

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining that Government are in agreement with the above Report and therefore no separate Review on the working of the Council is being laid.

(3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the documents mentioned at (2) above. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2328/78].

**English version of the Report was laid on the Table on the 23rd December, 1977.