

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I further demand that the entire correspondence exchanged between the Prime Minister and the ex-Home Minister be placed on the Table of the House. I hope Government will come out with a definite reply.

(ii) DELAY IN ANNOUNCING NATIONAL POLICY ON RESERVATION OF POSTS IN SERVICES FOR BACKWARD CLASSES.

श्री हुकम देव नारायण यादव (मधुबनी): उपाध्यक्ष जी, बिहार सरकार द्वारा विधान सभा में यह घोषणा की गई थी कि प्रथम अगस्त, 1978 से सरकारी सेवाओं में पिछड़ी जातियों के लिये 26 प्रतिशत स्थान आरक्षित किया जाएगा। इस मामले को लेकर बिहार में कुछ छुट-पुट बटनाएँ घटीं तब केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस मामले पर पुनर्विचार करने के लिये बिहार सरकार से माफ़ह किया और मामले को अपने अजीन ले लिया कि इस मामले पर एक राष्ट्रीय नीति तय की जाएगी। अभी तक इस पर निर्णय नहीं लिया जाना, काफी संकाशों को पैदा करता है। जनता पार्टी ने अपने चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में वायदा किया था कि काफ़ी कालेकटर आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने के लिए पिछड़ी जातियों के लिए सरकारी सेवाओं में 25 से 33 प्रतिशत स्थान आरक्षित किया जाएगा, परन्तु अभी तक इस दिशा में किसी तरह की कार्यवाही नहीं की जा रही है और जहाँ बिहार सरकार द्वारा, जो जनता पार्टी की प्रादेशिक सरकारों में प्रथम सरकार है, 26 प्रतिशत आरक्षण की घोषणा कर दी गई, उसको केन्द्रीय सरकार के आदेश से स्थगित रखा गया है। इस के कारण समस्या उत्पन्न होती जा रही है। अतः सरकार तुरन्त इस दिशा में फैसला करे।

(iii) DEMILITARISATION OF INDIAN OCEAN.

SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU (Katwa): Sir, the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace and India and all the littoral countries and all political parties have appealed to the U.N. for making it a zone of peace. It is regretted that two Big powers—USA and Russia—are not coming for demilitarization on Indian Ocean. It appears that the recently concluded special disarmament session of the U.N. at New York has received only casual attention at the session. The emphasis appeared to be mainly on the numerous dangers posed by nuclear weapons. India has again reminded the Big Powers, particularly the USA and Russia of their talks on the Indian Ocean more than a year ago when their leaders, President Carter and Mr. Brezhnev had both spoken in terms of littoral States are understood to have joined India in appealing to the two Powers to go back to their earlier goal of total demilitarization. While nations of the area have no objection to the Big Powers enjoying the freedom of the seas for free passage for their ships through the Ocean, they would not like them to establish their military presence in the Ocean as a permanent feature. I am requesting the hon. Minister to make a statement in this connection.

(iv) REPORTED POOR PERFORMANCE OF CALCUTTA STATION OF ALL INDIA RADIO.

SHRI RAJ KRISHNA DAWN (Burdwan): Sir, the people of West Bengal cannot listen properly the radio programmes broadcast by Calcutta Station due to poor transmission system. Practically due to its poor and unreliable performance, it is impossible for the people of North Bengal to tune Calcutta Centre of All India Radio faithfully. As a result, people from various districts of West Bengal unintentionally are forced to listen to the programmes of the neighbouring countries like Bangladesh etc., for