

14.50 hrs.

ARREST OF MEMBER

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have received the following wireless message, dated the 9th March, 1975, from the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sheopur, Morena (Madhya Pradesh):—

"Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal, Member of Parliament, courted arrest violating prohibitory order u/s 144 Cr. P. C. on 9-3-75 at 18.20 hours in Sheopur, District Morena (Madhya Pradesh). Arrest made by Police Sheopur. Crime No 73/75 u/s 188 143 I.P.C. registered at P.S. Sheopur. Bail demanded but he refused to furnish."

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (खानियर) :
 अध्यक्ष महोदय शिवपुर वह जगह है जहां गोली चली थी और वहां चार लोग मारे गये थे । वहां पर दफा 144 लगाने की क्या जरूरत थी ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो वे लोग जानते होंगे । आपको इतनी दूर बैठ कर क्या पता है कि क्या हो रहा है ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अगर पार्लियामेंट का मेम्बर अपने चुनाव क्षेत्र में शिवपुर उनके क्षेत्र का एक हिस्सा है, नहीं जा सकता, तो वह अपनी जिम्मेदारी कैसे निभायेगा अगर वहां पर गोली चल जाए तो वहां जान क्या उसका जरूरी नहीं है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पता नहीं क्या है और क्या नहीं है ।

श्री दीनेन भट्टाचार्य ।

13.27 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET, 1975-76—GENERAL DISCUSSION

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Dinan Bhattacharyya.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Sorempet): Mr Deputy-Speaker, I shall describe in the word the budget that has been placed here by the hon. Finance Minister, as anti-people, promonopoly Budget. People will gain nothing from it. So many budgets had been placed here for the last 27 years. Shri Subramaniam throughout his budget speech this time spoke eloquently about the economic and political objectives of his party. The steps he had suggested and the way he had dealt with the economic aspects lead me to conclude that the Budget will never fulfil any of the objectives enunciated here. Just before presenting the Budget, he stated; last year we passed through unprecedented economic strains in the history of independent India. At the same time, he said, it was also a year of determined action on the part of the Government demonstrating vividly the basic resilience of the demonstratic system in grappling with a crisis situation.

If we study the Budget, what appears to us is this. First of all, I have to mention here that he has again imposed taxes, the maximum of which will affect the housewives of the common man. He has taxed even tobacco, which is popularly known as the poor man's luxury, in the name of branded bidis. Sugar has been taxed, cloth has been taxed. What else is left? The duty on motor spirit has been increased by ten paise per litre. It is not a luxury goods because buses will now increase their fares. So far as I know, in Calcutta and even in Delhi, thousands of taxi-drivers have sold their taxis because of the rise in petrol prices. In the price of about Rs. 3.50 per