

**NOTIFICATIONS UNDER COMPANIES ACT
THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
BEDABRATA BARUA):** I beg to lay
on the Table:—

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-8009/74.]

**REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE IN INTAKE
OF S.C. & S.T. AGAINST VACANCIES
RESERVED FOR THEM IN RECRUITMENT
ETC. ON THE RAILWAYS**

- (1) A copy each of the following
Notifications under sub-section
(5) of section 396 of the
Companies Act, 1956:—

- (i) G.S.R. 187(E) published in
Gazette of India dated the
28th April, 1974 contain-
ing corrigendum to Notifica-
tion No. G.S.R. 172(E)
published in Gazette of
India dated the 5th April,
1974.

- (ii) The Heavy Electrical Com-
panies Amalgamation Order
1974 (Hindi version) pub-
lished in Notification No.
G.S.R. 474 in Gazette of
India dated the 18th May,
1974.

- (2) A copy of Notification No.
G.S.R. 455 (Hindi and Eng-
lish versions) published in
Gazette of India dated the
11th May, 1974 making cer-
tain alterations in Schedule VI
to the Companies Act, 1956,
under sub-section (3) of sec-
tion 641 of the said Act.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-8008/74.]

- (3) A copy of the Report (Hindi
version) of the Monopolies
and Restrictive Trade Prac-
tices Commission under sec-
tion 23(6) of the Monopolies
and Restrictive Trade Prac-
tices Act, 1969, in the matter
of merger of Bengal and
Assam Investors' Limited,
Calcutta and J.K. Agents
(Private) Limited, with M.P.
Industries Limited, Bhopal
and the Order dated 5th
November, 1971 of the Central
Government thereon, under
section 62 of the said Act.

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):** I beg to
lay on the Table a copy of the Report
(Hindi and English versions) on the
progress made in the intake of Sched-
uled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
against vacancies reserved for them
in recruitment and promotion cate-
gories on the Railways for the half
year ending 30th September, 1973.
[Placed in Library. See No. LT-8010/74.]

12 12 hrs.

AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIONS BY THE SPEAKER

SECRETARY-GENERAL: I beg to
lay on the Table a copy of Direction
9A issued by the Speaker under the
Rules of Procedure and Conduct of
Business in Lok Sabha.

ASSENT TO BILLS

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay
on the Table following four Bills
passed by the Houses of Parliament
during the last session and assented
to since a report was last made to
the House on the 3rd May, 1974:—

1. The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill,
1974.
2. The Finance Bill, 1974.
3. The Additional Duties of Excise
(Goods of Special Import-
ance) Amendment Bill, 1974.
4. The Union Duties of Excise
(Distribution) Amendment
Bill, 1974.

[General Secretary]

2. Sir, I also lay on the Table copies, duly authenticated by the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha, of the following three Bills passed by the House of Parliament and assented to since a report was last made to the House on the 3rd May, 1974:

1. The Constitution (Thirty-Second Amendment) Bill, 1974.
2. The Constitution (Thirty-third Amendment) Bill, 1974.
3. The Estate Duty (Distribution) Amendment Bill, 1974.

12.15 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED NON-SUPPLY OF STAPLE FIBRE YARN AND RAYON FILAMENT YARN TO SMALL-SCALE WEAVING INDUSTRY

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lakkappa, the first speaker on Calling Attention is given five to seven minutes. All others will be given four to five minutes. Please do not lose your time in long introductions. Please be brief.

SHRI K LAKKAPPA (Tumkur): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Commerce to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

'The reported non-supply of staple fibre yarn and rayon filament yarn to small scale weaving industry by the spinners'

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government have been receiving representations over the past few months about the inadequate availability of viscose staple fibre yarn and rayon filament yarn, causing considerable hardship to the weavers. The position in respect of these two types of fibres is as follows:—

The total production of viscose staple fibre spun-yarn is 60 million kgs. which is far short of our total demand. The problem was accentuated because of prolonged strike in the Gwalior Rayon pulp production unit when their production in 1973 fell from estimated 78,000 to 58,000 tonnes, while the only other unit supplying staple fibre to the shipping mills, namely, South India Viscose Limited, had only a limited production capacity of about 4,000 tonnes. With a view to ensure adequate supply of fibre to the spinning units and to avoid the possibility of individual mills or group of mills to gain substantial control over total supplies, Government decided to impose statutory control over the distribution of viscose staple fibre to the spinning units from 6th December, 1972. The distribution pattern has, however, been challenged in a series of writ petitions filed in various High Courts. A rational distribution system cannot be implemented during the pendency of these writ petitions.

In respect of staple fibre spun-yarn the position is being reviewed in the light of the complaints received from a number of States like Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal, and we are working out a system of pricing and distribution which is consistent with the economics of production and as well as the needs of the weavers.

In respect of rayon filament yarn, the total production in 1973 was around 37,000 tonnes which again was considerably short of the total demand. The production fell last year due to the closure of two factories. In the past, the distribution of rayon filament yarn was governed by voluntary agreement between the spinners and weavers' Associations, which worked satisfactorily, from August 1969 till the middle of last year. Since the middle of last year, complaints were received by us that the mills were not supplying the yarn to the weavers in accordance with the voluntary agree-