

being. All of us are human beings. The only person who is doubted whether he is a human being or not is the person sitting in this Chair; either he is a supra being or an infra being.

The question is:

"That clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

15.52 hrs.

# PAYMENT OF BONUS (AMENDMENT) BILL

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: We take up the next item of business, the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill. This is a simple Bill, which only seeks to enable the Government to pay bonus to the workers for the years 1973-74. I do not think any body has any objection. If you all agree we shall just go through the formalities of adopting this Bill.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, as passed by Rajya Sabha, be taken into consideration."

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Bonus must be given to all the employees.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore): I do not have any quarrel with the Minister. I want to say that this should be extended to the Government employees, the Railways and other employees who are not getting bonus at present.

SHRI PILOO MODY (Godhra): And the C.P.I. Members of Parliament.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: Parliament Members get many benefits. But there are some cases like the Birlas Rayon who during the last year have not paid bonus and your counterpart in West Bengal is keeping silent. I do not know what is the logic or what is the reason. Birlas are not being forced to pay bonus for the last year. They have not been prosecuted.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI (Calcutta-South): Will you please tell me what agreement you have signed with the Birlas?

SHRI P. M. MEHTA (Bhavnagar): This only reflects the hand to mouth labour policy of the Government. All the employees of the Central Government, the State Governments and commercial undertakings of Government should be covered by this Act.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Let the Minister assure the House that after the submission of the report by the Bonus Commission, the cases of all employees of Central Government, State Governments, commercial undertakings and corporations will also be taken into consideration.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I hope the Minister will take all these points into consideration. The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965,

as passed by Rajya Sabha, be  
taken into consideration"

*The motion was adopted.*

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER. The  
question is:

"That clauses 2 and 3, clause 1,  
the Enacting Formula and the  
title stand part of the Bill"

*The motion was adopted*

*Clauses 2 and 3, clause 1, the Enact-  
ing Formula and the Title were  
added to the Bill.*

SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA. I  
beg to move

"That the Bill be passed"

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER The  
question is

"That the Bill be passed"

*The motion was adopted*

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Before,  
we take up the next item, there are  
some important papers to be laid on  
the Table for which the ministers  
have sought permission. They may  
do so now

STATEMENT RE PROPOSED  
TRANSFER OF SHARE OF  
CENTRAL PROVINCES  
MANGANESE ORE  
COMPANY, LTD

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES  
(SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) I beg to  
lay on the Table, a statement in re-  
sponse to the matter under rule 377  
raised by Shri Vasant Sathe in the  
House on the 21st August, 1974 re-  
garding proposed transfer of share of  
the Central Provinces Manganese Ore  
Company Limited

STATEMENT

On 21st August, 1974, on a motion  
raised by Shri Vasant Sathe about the  
activities of one Shri R N Kapur with  
regard to the acquisition of shares of  
Central Provinces Manganese Ore Co.  
Ltd I had Promised to make a state-  
ment

Central Provinces Manganese Ore  
Co Ltd is a sterling company incor-  
porated in Great Britain. It had been  
operating in some districts of present  
Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra from  
1901. In 1961 the question of renewal  
of some of the leases held by this  
Company came up. It was then  
mutually agreed to form a new com-  
pany to operate 18 of the 19 leases  
held by CPMO Manganese Ore India  
Ltd thus came into existence in which  
CPMO held 49 per cent of shares and  
the remaining 51 per cent were shared  
equally by the Government of India  
and the State Governments of  
Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

The one lease that of Balapur  
Hamesha held by CPMO became due  
for renewal in 1971. The renewal was  
refused by the Government. The  
Company instituted legal proceedings  
in the Nagpur Bench of the Maha-  
rashtra High Court and obtained a  
stay order permitting them to remain  
in working possession of the property.  
The stay order is still in force.

Steps were taken to contest the suit.  
In August 1972, CPMO sent its re-  
presentatives from London for a settle-  
ment of the case out of the Court. The  
offer included surrender of the lease  
held rights on this mining lease subject  
to the 49 per cent shares held by  
CPMO in MOIL being acquired by the  
Government of India at a negotiated  
price.

Negotiations were held during Feb-  
ruary '73 with representatives of the  
then Management of CPMO. While  
the matter was still under considera-  
tion it came to the knowledge of the  
Government that the ownership of the  
CPMO Company had undergone a  
change. It was understood that the