

[Shri. H. N. Bahuguna]

India, the appropriate collection rates in those countries and the transit share of India will be settled by mutual negotiations between all parties concerned on well recognised International practices already followed for other relations. Pending such negotiations the agreement provides for transit service being made available by India on terms which will involve no changes in existing accounting procedures between India and the concerned countries to or from which transit service is made available by India.

*Telex*

The question of providing telex service between India and Bangladesh as well as between Bangladesh and other countries via India is also under negotiations and an agreement is likely to be reached very soon between the two countries on terms broadly similar to that for Telephone Service.

The new agreement is effective from 1.4.1972.

12 33 hrs.

#### STATEMENT RE. CHANGE OF DATES FOR ELECTIONS TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :  
I beg to make a submission that the  
dates fixed for nomination of candidates,  
withdrawal and election to the Financial  
Committees of the Lok Sabha have, for  
certain unavoidable reasons, to be extended.  
I crave your permission to request the House  
to agree to it. I have consulted the leaders  
of the Opposition also.

MR. SPEAKER : What dates do you  
propose?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : I propose that  
the dates may be extended, and we shall  
mutually settle them

MR. SPEAKER : I think the House  
should have no objection.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond  
Harbour) : The proper procedure would  
have been to convene an emergent meeting  
of the Business Advisory Committee, and it  
should have been fixed there.

MR. SPEAKER : This matter does not  
concern the Business Advisory Committee  
at all.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : It does.

MR. SPEAKER : It is a question of  
mutual consultation and you have agreed.

The motion is that the Speaker be autho-  
rised to fix the revised dates. I hope all of  
you agree.

HON. MEMBERS : Agreed.

12.35 hrs.

#### RE. ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR DIS- CUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF MINISTRIES

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :  
I know that the Members are very keen to  
speak on the Demands of the Ministry of  
Agriculture, and I also appreciate that you  
have been very careful to see that the time  
fixed by the Business Advisory Committee  
should be observed and not extended. But  
in this particular case, may I request you  
either to place the matter again before the  
Business Advisory Committee or kindly  
extend the time by two hours?

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday we saved  
about two hours. As the Minister of Com-  
munications had already taken half an hour, I  
thought he would be concluding immediately  
after Lunch, but I was surprised that he went  
on and on and got one hour more, which is  
sort of beating the record. The total time  
for the debate was 1½ hours, and the Minister  
took more than 1½ hours to reply. That was  
very surprising. I tried to save time and  
then add it to the Demands on the Ministry  
of Agriculture, so that all of you could be  
satisfied.

The Business Advisory Committee gives  
its report and that is approved by this House,  
and the time schedules are very tight, but  
when Members are keen to speak on the  
Demands of a particular Ministry, they  
forget the following Demands, and the result  
is that at the end of the session you do away  
with the Lunch Hour, you extend the session  
by one hour, without Saturdays. That is not  
a very healthy practice.