

1973 on behalf of 500 Factory Workers of Mackenzies Limited, Bombay;

- (b) if so, their main demands; and
(c) the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands are to restart the factory as a Government Undertaking of a Cooperative venture.

(c) The demands have been carefully considered but not found feasible.

Chinese Reaction on Visit to European Countries by Dalai Lama

3739. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China lodged a strong protest with Government of India before Dalia Lama left on a tour of European countries; and

(b) whether anti-Indian propoganda and noisy broadcasts are the special features of Chinese displeasure since then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) China expressed "profound regret" about Dalai Lama's visit to Europe before he left on his tour but did not describe it as a protest.

(b) Yes, Sir; news items and comments critical of India have increased in the past few weeks.

12 hrs.

RE: CALLING ATTENTION
(Query)

श्री मधु लिम्बे (बांका) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो ध्यान दिलाने की सूचना आप के सामने है उस के सम्बन्ध में पहले एक जानकी री

चाहुंगा। आपने यहां करमाथा था कि नेपाल के बारे में

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह अभी उन्होंने भेजा नहीं मेरे पास।

श्री मधु लिम्बे : तो कल तो कम से कम आना चाहिये क्योंकि कल के बाद परसों तो छुट्टी है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं आज उन से पूछ लंगा। अगर रुझा तो कल रख देंगे।

Has the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs got some information about the call attention notice on Nepal's policy regarding restrictions on foreign import-export houses? It was postponed the other day. Two days have already passed. Members want that it should come tomorrow. If he has got some information, we will fixed it up tomorrow.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): Yes.

12.01 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED LOSS DUE TO DELAY IN DELIVERY OF OFF-SHORE DRILLING PLATFORM 'SAGAR SAMRAT'

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY (Nizamabad): I call the attention of the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The reported loss of Rupees 18 lakhs due to delay in delivering the Rupees 12.3 crores off-shore drilling platform Sagar Samrat by Japanese firm."

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (Shri D. K. BOROOAH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, 'Sagar Samrat' built by Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Limited of Japan was to be delivered on 30th September, 1972. Allowing for a