

2.28 hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SIXTY-SIXTH REPORT

SHRI SEZHIYAN (Kumbakonam): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Sixty-sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee regarding action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Thirty-ninth Report relating to All-India Radio.

MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

SHRI A. P. SHARMA (Buxar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following:—

"That this House do further extend upto the 4th May, 1973, the time for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Bill further to amend the Mines Act, 1952."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do further extend upto the 4th May, 1973, the time for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Bill further to amend the Mines Act, 1952."

The motion was adopted.

2.29 hrs.

E. SCARCITY OF DIESEL OIL IN MADHYA PRADESH

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ranabhadur Singh.

SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH (Sidhi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the House under Rule 277 to the acute shortage of diesel oil for farmers which has caused considerable damage to crops and people could not do irrigation in the

north-eastern parts of Madhya Pradesh. I request the Minister of Agriculture to enlighten us as to what has been done to remedy the situation. How long will the situation last?

Also, I would request him to seek the action of Government to instruct the local authorities to deal with this matter quietly and not to use the general powers under the Maintenance of security Act which causes an atmosphere of panic in that region.

12.30 hrs.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—contd.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now take up further consideration of the following motion moved by Shri R. K. Sinha and seconded by Shri K. P. Unnikrishnan on the 21st February, 1973, namely:—

"That an Address be presented to the President in the following terms:—

"That the Members of Lok Sabha assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 19th February, 1973."

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur): Since we are discussing the President's Address, if a calling-attention notice on the resumption of bombing in Laos and Cambodia is not admitted, I would request you to ask the Minister of External Affairs to kindly make a statement, because the US forces are doing their best to undo the peace proposals.

Secondly, you are aware, Sir, that there is an acute power shortage in India in all the States....