

[Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh]

not get any financial aid which other States get under one pretext or other. This also will have to be looked into.

Maharashtra has got most backward areas like Vidarbha and Marathwada.

Mr. Chairman: The hon. Member's time is up.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: I will continue tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman: He may take a minute or two more and conclude.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: We feel that Maharashtra's genuine case for increased financial assistance, even if that means setting aside certain recommendations of the Third Finance Commission, stands on sheer merits and have to be sympathetically considered. As of right, we can claim that Maharashtra has been singled out for injustice, and that singling out has been, though not with the connivance of the Finance Minister, at least with his consent. Therefore, we feel that something must be done for increased aid to Maharashtra.

Now we are talking so much about non-tax incomes. I have an idea. There is an industry called the stevedore industry in India. The stevedores were the invention of the Britishers. When the Britishers could not get local labour for handling port traffic, the Stevedore Institute came into being 200 years ago. Now according to the Vasist Committee, appointed by the Government of India, the net income of a stevedore per ton of cargo handled is approximately Rs. 2—Rs. 1.75 to be exact. I have got figures for 3 ports which are governed by the scheme of Dock Boards. These Dock Boards are there for arranging labour required by the shipping agents. The stevedores play no role, or next to nothing, in labour supply. These stevedores with the help of one telephone and one clerk

manage to earn millions. If the Government pay their attention towards nationalisation of this stevedore industry, the net income to the State exchequer will not be less than Rs. 15 crores. The Calcutta port handles 35,029,528 tons of cargo.

Shri Morarji Desai: We are discussing Finance Demands, not Transport Demands.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: I am putting this in the light of nationalisation.

Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cochin, Visakhapatnam and Kandla together handle 77,689,766 tons. So at the rate of Rs. 2 per ton handled, the net profit to the exchequer will be Rs. 15,53,79,532. The cost involved in this taking over will be next to nothing. The benefits to the workers will be something substantial. With this amount of Rs. 15 crores per annum at our disposal, we can make a significant addition to our tax receipts. Therefore, I would request the Finance Minister to look into this question of nationalisation of this industry and do the needful.

18.50 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SECOND REPORT

Shri Rane (Buldana): Sir, I beg to present the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chairman: The House stands adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

18.51 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, June 12, 1962/Jyaistha 22, 1884 (Saka).