

Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 1991, which was passed by the September, 1991."

- (ii) I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 10th September, 1991 adopted the following motion in regard to the Joint Committee on offices of Profit:-

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that a Joint Committee of the House to be called the Joint Committee on offices of profit be constituted for the purposes set out in the motion adopted by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 26th July, 1991, and resolves that this House do join in the said Joint Committee and proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, five members from among the members of the House to serve on the said Joint Committee."

I am further to inform the Lok Sabha that in pursuance of the above motion, the following members of the Rajya Sabha have been duly elected to the said Committee:-

1. Shri E. Balanandan
2. Shrimati Kailashpati
3. Shri Som Pal
4. Shri Santosh Kumar Sahu
5. Shri Subramanian Swamy

13.12 hrs

PETITIONS

- (i) **Re need to amend the Indian Trust Act, 1882**

[English]

SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA (HASSAN):

Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by Shri D. T. Jayakumar, Ex M. L. A. Karnataka and Shri Chikkamadu, Zila Parishad Member, Hunasur, District Mysore, regarding need to amend the Indian Trusts Act, 1882.

- (ii) **Re removal of disparity between urban and rural population in the matter of standard of living, etc.**

SHRI RAMPAL SINGH (Domariagan):

Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh of village and P.O. Sohna district Sidharthnagar (Uttar Pradesh) and others regarding (i) removal of disparity between urban-rural population in the matter of standard of living, literacy and mortality; and (ii) treating 'Agriculture' as an 'Industry'.

13.11 hrs

PERSONAL EXPLANATION UNDER RULE 357

[English]

SHRI INDERJIT (Darjeeling): Mr. Speaker, Sir, my attention has been drawn repeatedly during the past fortnight to separate but shocking statements made against me by two Members of Parliament of the Sikkim Sangram Parishad, Shri mati Dil Kumari Bhandari in the Lok Sabha on July 18 and Shri Karma Topden in the Rajya Sabha on July 19 last. Both attacked me on the basis of a statement alleged to have been made by me at public meeting at Kurseong, which is a part of my constituency of Darjeeling. I was stated to have declared that "The Nepalese have no place in India."

Friends, among some veteran members of the House advised me to ignore the two statements. But I now find that these fellow members and their partons have exploited my decision not to formally contradict their statements. Consequently, many innocent and fine people in different parts of our