

[Shri H. M. Patel]

various points that he has made. The hon. Member started by mentioning a few stray instances as if I ignore them. As I have said, every incident is being enquired into. That apart, the hon. Member has said quite rightly that this is something which is disturbing and I can assure him that a very thorough enquiry will be held in both the matters, regarding soiled notes question and the Exchange Department. The hon. Member thinks that the special procedure provides certain loopholes. We shall look into this and the loopholes will be blocked.

I have already mentioned that this is a matter which causes us a grave concern. I give you an assurance that we will go into the matter thoroughly.

So far as the question of Shri Khanna being treated differently is concerned, I assure you that that will not be the case. We shall see that proper enquiry is held in regard to his particular involvement in this racket.

12.40 hrs.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER: The Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House in their First Report have recommended that leave of absence be granted to the following Members for the periods indicated against each:

(1) Shri M. S. Sanjeevi .. Rao	13th June to 30th July, 1977 (Second Session).
(2) Shri Mahamaya Prasad .. Sinha	11th June to 5th August, 1977 (Second Session).
(3) Shrimati Akbar Jahan .. Begum	11th June to 11th July, 1977 (Second Session).
(4) Shri V. P. Naik ..	11th June to 5th August, 1977 (Second Session).
(5) Shri Roopraj Somani ..	25th March to 7th April, 1977 (First Session) and 11th June to 25th July, 1977 (Second Session).
(6) Shri Keshav Rao .. Dhondge	11th to 30th June, 1977 (Second Session).

Is it the pleasure of the House that leave as recommended by the Committee may be granted?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The leave is granted. The Members will be informed accordingly.

12.44 hrs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS RE. ALLEGED USE OF RAILWAYS STATIONERY BY A PRIVATE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday when I was not in the House, the hon. Member, Shri A. C. George made a statement in the House that one private publishing house had utilised the stationery of the Railways to despatch some of the invitations for the function that was held yesterday. I wish to bring it to the notice of the House that yesterday on behalf of the Popular Publishers, Bombay one symposium on Marx and Gandhi was held in which Acharya Kriplani and Ramesh Thapar spoke. As far as the invitations to this function are concerned, they were sent to 1400 persons including 600 Members of Parliament from both Houses. Most of these in-