

Title: Urged to look into the serious problems faced by the handloom industry in Kerala and take immediate measures to solve the problems.

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except Shri Govindan's submission.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Textile Minister towards the handloom workers' Parliament March, which is scheduled to observe today...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Geethe, what is this? You have raised your issue. Please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any response from the Government?

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: You are asking a reply from the Government and you are not allowing the hon. Minister to speak.

...*(Interruptions)*

श्री मोहन रवले (मुम्बई दक्षिण मध्य) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री जी बोलेंगे कि हम इनकी भावना गृह मंत्री जी को बता देंगे। *(व्यवधान)*

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): Sir, the concern expressed by the hon. Members from Shiv Sena Party is a very grave one. I will convey it to the hon. Home Minister...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Govindan, please continue.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, over two lakh workers are engaged in handloom industry in Kerala and majority of them are women. All of them are living below poverty line...*(Interruptions)* The handloom industry is facing serious crisis as a part of general crisis in the national industry sector. With the new economic policy the Government of India is thinking to cancel the Market Development Assistance (MDA) System. This decision may be withdrawn and financial assistance for the Spinning Mills for modernisation which are producing yarn required in handloom may be given...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except Shri T. Govindan's submission.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): I would also request the Government to allot hank yarn and dyes and chemicals required for the handloom at subsidised rates; modernise handloom industry to enable it to produce improved varieties of handloom products to compete in the market; establish a training institute for weaving masters and dyeing masters; and sanction assured capital contribution and NCDC assistance to primary cooperatives and Kerala State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (HANTEK)...*(Interruptions)*

Sir, I would request the hon. Minister of Textiles to look into these serious problems faced by the handloom industry and take immediate measures to solve the problems...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAKASH PARANJPE (THANE): Sir, we demand the resignation of Shri Chhagan Bhujbal, the Home Minister of Maharashtra...*(Interruptions)*

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते (रत्नागिरी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमें जवाब चाहिए। गृह मंत्री जी यहां पर वक्तव्य दें। *(व्यवधान)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

...*(Interruptions)*

श्री अनंत गंगाराम गीते (रत्नागिरी) : कितनी हत्यायें करना चाहते हैं? *(व्यवधान)*

श्री प्रकाश परांजपे (ठाणे) : वे जानबूझकर कर रहे हैं। *(व्यवधान)* महाराष्ट्र में कोई लॉ एंड आर्डर नहीं है

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) ... (Not recorded)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

1215 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.

(q1/1400/lh-mkg)

1404 hours

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at four minutes

past Fourteen of the Clock.

(Shrimati Margaret Alva *in the Chair*)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Matters under Rule 377.