

>12/02 hrs.

Title: Regarding passing of the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2003 by the Rajya Sabha.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:-

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 111 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to enclose a copy of the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2003 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 8th April, 2003."

2. Sir, I lay on the Table the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2003, as passed by Rajya Sabha on the 8th April, 2003.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I go to 'Zero Hour'. The first notice, which I am going to permit is of Shri Suresh Kurup.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. I am going to permit all of you one after another. Shri Suresh Kurup, Prof. Premajam, Shri Ajay Kumar, Shri Krishnadas, Shri Radha Krishnan and Shri Ajoy Chakraborty have moved an Adjournment Motion. I have permitted them to speak during 'Zero Hour'.

May I request Shri Suresh Kurup to speak?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (HAJIPUR): Sir, what about my Privilege Motion? The Privilege Motion gets first priority...(Interruptions) It is a very serious matter.

MR. SPEAKER: When I take up your Privilege notice, you can speak on it.

I have asked for a report from the State Government. Let the report come.

...(Interruptions)

श्री राम विलास पासवान : पहले एक मिनट तो मेरी बात सुन लीजिए। इनके बाद सुन लीजिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इनके बाद सुन लेंगे।

कुंवर अखिलेश सिंह (महाराजगंज, उ.प्र.) : पूरे देश में व्यापारी वर्ग हड़ताल पर है। हमने कार्य स्थगन प्रस्ताव की सूचना भी दी है। â€¹(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: May I request the entire House to co-operate with me. I have received a number of notices on very important issues such as the issue of textiles, the issue of garments, weavers and the present issue which the hon. Members want to raise. I am going to take all these important issues because you are all aware that there is going to be long holidays afterwards. I want to give opportunity to maximum number of Members. I would make a request that only those Members would speak whom I call upon to speak. Otherwise, there will be a confusion and the Members may not get a chance.

Now, Shri Suresh Kurup.