Title: Need to bring Legislation for providing job reservations for deprived classes in Private Sector.

DR. M. JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): Sir, one of the key promises in the Common Minimum Programme of the United Progressive Alliance is providing reservation for the deprived classes in the ever-expanding private sector. Now, it is time for the Government to include it in the Budget and for the Government to pass legislation on this. It is not correct to say that reservation will dilute professional standards and will lead to reduction in efficiency. It is simply a myth. It cannot be denied that private sector makes more profit than the Government sector. But that is not because people are not good. It is because there is pressure in the private sector to perform whereas in the Government sector, with security of job, there is no such pressure. The definition of merit and efficiency should be holistic and should incorporate qualities such as honesty, hard work and integrity. Corporate entities in the United States always remain in the forefront of carrying out social obligations. Indian industrialists must learn from their American counterparts. Through you, Sir, I appeal the corporate sector to come forward and fulfill its social responsibility.