

[English]

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the situation where the students who are selected for admission into First Class under category III into the Central Schools could not be admitted because of the inordinate delay that is taking place in according approval for admission from the Government of India. In nearly 300 Central Schools this situation is prevailing because of which several thousands of children could not be admitted and their parents are suffering a lot of agony. Therefore, I request the Minister of Human Resources Development to look into the matter and accord necessary approval for admission of the students into First Class under Category III and decentralise the procedure so that such type of inordinate delay does not take place in future.

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government and the Planning Commission that the long coastal line of Tamil Nadu has become more sensitive border equal to the sensitiveness of the Himalayan area. We request the Planning Commission to include the Sethu Samundram Project in the Eighth Plan in view of its importance from the defence as well as from navigational point of view. It is the wish of the Tamil Nadu people that Sethu Samundram Project should be included in the Eighth Plan.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as reported in the newspapers the heroic brave people of Soviet Union have restored the democracy. I request that unanimously this House, the largest democracy in the World, should congratulate the people of the Soviet Union for restoring democracy and goodwill to the Soviet Leader, Shri Mikhail Gorbachev.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Sir, the House should convey our greetings on behalf of the people of India to the people of Soviet Union and President Shri Mikhail Gorbachev on their victory against undemocratic forces.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: We also condemn the forces which were supporting the people who have brought in the coup... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You are on a different point, Mr. Bhakta. Yes, Jaswant Singh Ji....

(Interruptions)

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Bhartiya Janata Party and I personally hail the defeat of the undemocratic croup in the USSR. We further hail the restoration of the authority of the Soviet Parliament and the restitution to office of President Gorbachev. This is a momentous development. It is a development in the correct direction and it is of much greater global importance than the original Revolution of Perestroika and Glasnost. It is the will of the Soviet people that has triumphed. We hail the democratic spirit and the commitment of all men and women of the USSR to democracy. We greet them in this hour of their great triumph and the triumph of democracy.

The moral and physical courage of all those thousands that stood on the barricades led by the Russian President Boris Yeltsin is a very moving saga.... (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I will say.....

(Interruptions).

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I will conclude, Sir, but I have to make my observations on this momentous event... (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Well, this is welcome and you are welcome but...

(Interruptions)

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: But while welcoming, I have to make my observations and place them on record, Sir. While obviously not commenting on the discomfiture of my friends in the CPI(M). I do not wish to say.... (Interruptions).

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Sir, the occasion is being spoiled by my friend. Why is he unnecessarily trying to have a dig at us? We have our commitments. We also greet the people of USSR. We know that the wish of the people has triumphed. People wanted