

>**Title:** Reported the messages that at its sitting held on the 2nd June,1998, Rajya Sabha passed the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill,1998 and on 3rd June,1998, Rajya Sabha passed the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill,1998. Bills as passed by Rajya Sabha - Laid.

12.02 hrs.

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

(i) "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 Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1998, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 2nd June, 1998."

(ii) "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 Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 1998, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 3rd June, 1998."

2. Sir, I lay on the Table the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1998, and the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 1998, as passed by Rajya Sabha on the 2nd and 3rd June, 1998 respectively.

DR. Y.S. RAJASEKARA REDDY (CUDDAPAH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to submit... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please sit down. I have allowed Dr. Raja Sekara Reddy to raise his point.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Sir, Bodos have disrupted the communication in the entire North-East. There is no road transport and rail transport. The essential commodities are not being made available to the people. It is a very serious situation there... (Interruptions)... The House should discuss about the law and order situation in the North-East... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I have allowed Dr. Raja Sekara Reddy. I will allow you also. Please sit down.

... (Interruptions)

श्री नरेन्द्र बुडानिया (चुरू) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, राजस्थान में पानी की बहुत कमी हो गई है।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Your name is not there in the list of Zero Hour. But I will allow you later. Please sit down now.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please understand. There are 43 names in the list of today's Zero Hour and I want to accommodate all of them. Please cooperate with me.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : But what about the situation in the North-East?

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Kalita, please take your seat. I will allow you later.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : We can raise it later but at least, promise us that we will have a discussion on it... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. Let Dr. Reddy raise his issue.