

know about that. Likewise, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Railways to allot the stalls to the local people only.

Now I would like to seek a clarification from the hon. Minister whether money allotted for Konkan Railway could be invested in the share market by the Corporation. So far as I know, an amount of Rs. ten crore has been deposited in the State Bank of Mysore. I would like to know whether this has been done with the prior permission of the Government. He should confirm it.

The Department of Railways had acquired land from the farmers for the Diwa-Vasai, Aapra-Roha, Karjat-Lonavan and Igatpuri-Kasara (third line) railway projects. Please let us know as to how much compensation has been paid to the farmers in lieu of their land. Will they be given any preference in recruitment? All this must be checked up properly. The Department of Railways should sanction maximum funds for the Kurla/Bandra terminal. Grant-in-aid for the Thane-Kurla-Vikroli-Trombay-Vadala line should also be given. I oppose the railway-fare-hike. The Government which made a promise to reduce prices within 100 days has named the items, the prices of which are to be reduced but it has not named the items the prices of which are to be hiked. The Government which made a promise to reduce the prices in 100 days has presented a Budget of rising prices within a period of 100 days of its resuming office. (*Interruptions*)

16.00 hrs.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I express my thanks to you for providing me time to speak. It was my maiden speech in the House.

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House now stands adjourned to meet again at 5 p.m. for Budget.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Seventeen of the Clock*

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Seventeen of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

WELCOME TO RT. HONOURABLE SIR ANEROOD JUGNAUTH, THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS AND LADY SAROJINI JUGNAUTH

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to make an announcement.

As the hon. Members are aware, the Rt. Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius and Lady Sarojini Jugnauth are currently on an official visit to India.

I am glad to inform the House that Rt. Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius is now seated in the special box to watch the proceedings of this hon. House.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the hon. Members of the House, we extend a very warm welcome to Rt. Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth. We wish them a happy and fruitful sojourn in our country. We also wish to convey our greetings to the Parliament and the friendly people of Mauritius.