

[Translation]

PROF PREM KUMAR DHUMAL (Hamirpur) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, many of our friends sitting here say that they have come on foot today, So it would be better if the House is adjourned by 7'0 clock, otherwise they will face much inconvenience

I request you to accept my suggestion, it would be so nice of you

18 15 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sixteenth Report

[English]

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P UPENDRA) I beg to present the Sixteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee

18.15 1/2 hrs.

DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 193 — *Contd*

Statement made by the Minister of External Affairs, his recent visit to Moscow, Washington, Amman Baghdad and Kuwait in Connection with the Situation in the Gulf — *Contd.*

[English]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The hon Members have expressed that they would find it difficult to return to their places Will it be possible for somebody to look into this and help as much as possible

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) Sir, I will look into it and tell you just now

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Yes, Mr Janardhan Poojary

Sa? - na
SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY (Mangalore) Sir, I promise that I will speak for only two-three minutes With great difficulty I have got a chance to speak So far as Karnataka is concerned, people of Karnataka are worried and in fact there is a feeling of anguish Practically the people of Karnataka, whether it is Bangalore or Mangalore, are not in a position to get any information regarding the whereabouts of 30,000 Indian people who are residing in Kuwait Offices to get the information have been set up in other parts of the country but unfortunately, in spite of the repeated requests from the people of Bangalore as also Mangalore, no office has been set up so far The people of these areas are not in a position to get the information regarding the whereabouts of these Indian people who are living in these areas where there is a crisis

I don't want to go into the details of other aspects Coming to the leadership of India, earlier other countries were looking to India for its leadership but for the first time we see in the T V that when other small countries have taken the leadership to defuse the situation, we have not taken any step in this regard We feel that the Prime Minister of this great country should have gone there and taken the lead in defusing the situation Unfortunately, India missed the opportunity Particularly, I want to say that there is no political will and there is no leadership in the Prime Minister otherwise he would have gone there and would have seen that India play a great role in defusing the tension in that region