

tion (No. 2) Bill, 1989, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 26th July, 1989, and transmitted to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendations and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the Lok Sabha in regard to the said Bill."

12.9 1/2 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

[English]

Sixty-third Report and Minutes

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almorā): Sir, I beg to present the Sixty-third Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Public Undertakings on Cochin Refineries Limited and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

12.10 hrs.

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[English]

(I) Successful launching of 'Agni'

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska): Successful launching of Agni has added a feather in the cap of scientific achievements of India. This long range guided missile is a major contribution of our scientists. This is in consonance with our attempts to safeguard our independence and security by self-dependent means. The technology demonstration indicates our undiluted commitment to the indigenous development of advanced technologies for the defence of our country. Agni is the symbol of our efforts to develop and

demonstrate advanced missile technologies.

Our beloved Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has congratulated the scientists, engineers, and workers who have made Agni. The country is very much proud of their achievement.

The launching of Agni has set at rest of the apprehensions regarding the safety and welfare of the people around the range.

It is our fundamental duty to protect our national independence from all types of foreign threats. It is also our duty to ensure the safety of our frontiers. We believe in the world free of nuclear weapons.

(ii) Need to provide paper for text books and periodicals at cheaper rates

DR. PHULRENU GUHA (Contai): The prices of newsprint as well as paper have gone up very high. It is difficult for small magazines to run their magazines. Moreover, it is very difficult for the students of low income groups to buy books at high price.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to give paper for the text books of all types at a reasonable price and also consider reduction in price of newsprint for small magazines.

13.13 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[Translation]

(iii) Need to check pollution of Ganga by factories and tanneries at Kanpur

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI (Bilhaur): Kanpur is an important industrial town of India. A number of mills, factories and tanneries are running there. Consequently, there is a lot of pollution in Kanpur. All the industrial effluents from the tanneries flow into the river Ganga, which has polluted the river and is