

reports of Estimates Committee :

- (i) Forty-fifth Report on Ministry of Home Affairs—Voluntary Organisations and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.
- (ii) Forty-sixth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 33rd Report of Committee on the Ministry of Urban Development—CPWD—Maintenance of Buildings.

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**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

[English]

**Eightieth and Ninetieth Reports**

**SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool) :** I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee :

- (i) Eightieth Report on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their 231st Report (Seventh Lok Sabha) relating to Financial Review-cum-Commercial accounts of Canteen Stores Department.
- (ii) Ninetieth Report on India Government Mint, Bombay—Overview.

12.19 hrs.

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**COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**

[English]

**Twenty-third Report**

**SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI (Simla) :** I beg to present the Twenty-third Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)—Reservations for, and employment of, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Western Railway.

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**COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION**

[English]

**Fourteenth Report**

**SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN (Alleppey) :** I beg to present the Fourteenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

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12.20 hrs.

**MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

[English]

- (i) Need to provide special Central assistance to the Government of Karnataka to meet the drought situation

**SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR (Mysore) :** Karnataka State had been experiencing successive drought in the last four years. Every year, one part or the other of the State experiences unprecedented drought due to the weak or late arrival of south-west monsoons. The widespread failure of the paddy crop led to severe droughts in the coastal/main land, areas of Uttar Kanada, Shimoga, Belgaum and Dharwad districts of the State. As many as 6843 villages of 913 mandals, spread out over 94 taluks of 13 districts of the State are affected by present drought. The total human population of these villages comes to 70 61 lakhs and the cattle population 41.03 lakhs.

In the context of the above situation, it has become necessary to provide for scarcity relief to both people and cattle of affected villages. It is also necessary to make special provision for drinking water and fodder supplies in those areas. In the normal course measures could have been funded out of the margin money which is available to the State Government for such purposes. But the present drought is of very serious nature and the State Government is financially not sound to bear the funds required to combat the present drought situation.