reports of all the commissions that have gone into communal troubles. I would say that minorities are an integral part of India. The Indian minority, the Muslims are the largest minority in the world. You cannot disown them. We have to own them.

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RE: HALF-AN-HOUR-DISCUSSION

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we have to take half-an-hour discussion. Smt. Usha Thakkar, Is she not there? She is not here. We are continuing the discussion on the communal situation, because Shrimati Usha Thakkar is not available.

Now, Ch. Sunder Singh can speak on the communal situation.

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[Translation]

Communal situation in various parts of the country-contd.

CH. SUNDER SINGH (Phillaur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the representatives elected by the people are to be accused for this. When I migrated from Pakistan in 1947, the people of that country wanted to know as to why I was going and asked me to take the gold ornaments with me which they asserted, will stand you in good stead. I gave those ornaments to these Mohammedans and said that I was going for a very short visit and not for permanent abode. They sold those ornaments and sent the money to me.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOW-ALIA: Ch. Sahib, you are standing near Shri Buta Singh, he is in the Government. Speak carefully.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Be cautious.

CH. SUNDER SINGH: Mahatma. Gandhi has said:

{English}

"Bitter experiences has taught me that all temples are not houses of God. They can be habitations of the devil. These places of worship have no value unless the keeper is a good man of God. Temples, mosques, churches are what man makes them to be."

[Translation]

He stated this in 1927. I would say that the number of temples, mosques etc. is so large in India but people in general do not follow the path shown by them. My submission is that nobody else but he Member who represents the particular area is to be held responsible if communal riots take place in rural areas of his constituency. I would like to quote an old couplet in this regard.

> "Masjid to bana lee palbhar mein, Imaan ki hararat walon nein Man apana purana paapi, barson mein naraji ban na sake lobal bara updeshak hai, mun baton se moh leta hai Guphatar ka gazi to yeh bana, kidar ka gazi ban na saka."

My submission is that we are responsible for the communal riots which take place in rural areas. People had elected us to set things right but we pass away time in discussions.

[English]

"For me, God and Truth are convertible terms and if anyone told me that God was of untruth or God was of torture, I would decline to worship him. Therefore, in politics also we have to establish the kingdom of Heaven."

[Translation]

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times some people make allegations on Hindu community for the untoward incidents which take place in Masjid. Why do the Government have not imposed ban on communal activities inspite of many assurances being given since long. If ban is not imposed on such activities, they would pose a serious threat to the country. My submission is that it hardly matters whether a person is Muslim or Hindu, one should be human being though a number of religious institutions are there in India but it is difficult to become a human being. I would like to relate a story to you. Once a cow of a person entered the premises of a mosque. The Mullah of that mosque started beating the master of that cow and asked him how the cow entered the holy place to this, he replied that being animal, the cow entered there and as I am a human being I have never entered the holy place. My submission is that peace cannot be established until anti-social elements in these holy places are checked.

[English]

"Where should you seek for God? Are not the poor, the miserable and the downtrodden Gods? Worship them first. I do not believe in God and religion wipe out the tears from the widows' eyes. I cannot bring a morsel of food to the orphan's mouth."

[Translation]

My submission is that compensation should be provided to those people who suffer losses of life or property during communal riots. Besides, the elements who are involved in such incidents should be awarded deterrent punishment.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would not like to take much time. I would like to make it clear to those who believe that it is the responsibility of the Government to check communal riots, that it requires joint effort of the Government and the people. The Government cannot accomplish this task without

cooperation of the people. The Government should keep a strict vigilance at places which are prone to communal riots. As I am a quite senior Member in the House, so all other Members give me due regard. I would like to offer a suggestion. The Member who represents the area where communal riots take place, should be accountable. Merely imposing ban on certain activities won't do. My submission is that unless the public in general cooperate with Government, communal riots cannot be checked.

With these words, I conclude.

[English]

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, since the hon. Home Minister is present here and is a great connoisseur of Urdu poetry I would like to begin with your permission with a verse:

"Tumhin katil tumhin shahid tumhin munsib thehare.

Akarba mere karain khoon ka dawa kis par."

Sir, every now and then we meet here after a few more names have been added to the litany of shame; of places which have become symbols of man's inhumanity to man and of communal violence. If 1980 was the year of Moradabad; 1981 was the year of Bihar Sharief. 1982 was the year of Meerut and 1983 was the year of Nellie. 1984 was the year of Delhi and 1985 was the year of Bhiwandi. 1986 was the year of Ahmedabad and 1987 once again, unfortunately, the year of Meerut, this year we have the year of Murshidabad, Aurangabad, Muzaffarnagar, Makrana, Mathura, Hazaribagh and of Bombay.

Sir, we always hang our heads in shame. We repeat the worn out cliches. We repeat the old shop-soiled suggestions and proposals that have gathered dust in the files of the Home Minister and the Home Minister stands up and repeats those same assurances and sometimes takes cover behind statistics. 'No. This year we had lesser number of riots.'

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What a great achievement. We did not have 700 riots this year; we had only 600. How do we estimate the human suffering, anguish and agony? We have no measure for this great national tragedy. We forget that all human blood is of the same colour, that all suffering speaks the same language, that all suffering has the same face. It is the Indian face. We forget that humanity is indivisible. Sir, we have in our country, in our great land of freedom-thanks to the Home Minister. permit me to say so because he is the custodian of law and order-the freedom to kill and to be killed; we have the freedom to assault and to be assaulted; we have the freedom to abuse and to be abused. There are communal organisations in the land of have freedom to organise propaganda, malicious, vicious propaganda to sharpen the knives, incite and instigate the people, to organise senas and to create problems from time to time. The educational institutions have the freedom to breed communal consciousness through text books beautifully poisoned in graduated doses, that is, where the mass media has the freedom to misinform or disinform or to suppress facts, where the political parties have the freedom to play the Hindu card or the Muslim card, where bureaucracy has the freedom to do injustice day in day out, to ignore situations of conflict and tension and then to take sides, where the police has the freedom to break bones and to teach them a lesson. When we breed communal consciousness and when we allow conspirators the run of the place, when we let communal tensions build up in our society, when we store explosives in the basement of our mansion, how are we surprised when these tensions erupt into violence? Then with the first lighting of a match stick. And then of course, as I said, we can make long speeches, beat our breasts and rub our nands and make long faces and mouth phrases of hypocrisy laws in our country have become a dead letter and the custodians of law have gone to sleep. Communalism is an offensive today and communalism is not the monopoly of any community. But communalism of the majority. Nindu communalism which has developed today a chauvinistic face and a fascist

dimension is the threat to the integrity of our nation. Sir, there is a conspiracy of the status quo forces when they face the upsurge of the anti-status quo forces for a redistribution of the goods and resources of the society. The reason for the conspiracy is here. The antiprogressive forces, the anti-social forces, the forces who do not want the power of the society and the wealth of the society to be shared have conspired to communalise the political environment in order that the inequitable system which exists today continues to persist. That is why old myths are dug up, old tales are resurrected, graves are upturned, old wounds are scraped and an agitation like one in the form of liberation of the Ram Janam Bhoomi comes into existence. It is a dispute which is created, it is a conflict which is manufactured where it did not exist. Sir. we had 'Ekatmata Yachna' throughout the country, we had Ram-Janaki Yatra throughout the country. I would like to know as to where the Government was and what was the Government doing? Was it sleeping throughout these years, these five or six years? We had the great Dharam Sansads organised in many places by organisations like the Bharat Sadhu Samai and Vishva Hindu Parishad. New senas came into existence. Trishul Dharies became a power in the land and the Government was sleeping. In Kumbh Mela, an auspicious occasion of great religious significance, speeches were made which had nothing to do with religion; political speeches defying the law, defying the order, defying the system and defined the Constitution and the Government did not lift a finger.

Sir, the communal forces have been mobilising themselves throughout the country and the security forces are just about waking up. Shiv Sena, Bal Thackeray launched an agitation, 'Quran Chero ya Hindustan Chero. I would like to know what action the Home Minister took. Bajrang Dal ran a parallel administration. I told the Home Minister and the Chief Minister of U.P. in August and October last year and the entire scene of U.P. was set ablaze. I would like to know what action was taken against the Bajrang Dal. There are forces here which

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want Quran to be proscribed which want perhaps Islam to be banned. There are forces here which show hatred against the Muslims saying that they breed like raboits, that they infiltrate like rats, that they convert others to their religion forcibly with the help of foreign money, that they conspire against the future of India dreaming of re-establishing the Muslim rule in this country. And this propaganda goes undisturbed.

Sir, there are people who seize graveyards and occupy mosques in hundreds of villages and hundreds of towns, I think the Home Minister's file is full of my letters on the subject but nothing has been done. Sir, dirty propaganda in the form of inflamatory slogans goes on even at the time of religious procession. I don't want to repeat the slogans as the Home Minister knows about that. But no action is taken against the organisers of processions or against the sponsors of those occasions. Sir, should we have the liberty of offending the dignity of a community; should we have the freedom to question the loyality of a community? And if the Government remains silent or dumb what lessons what conclusions are to be drawn by the mischief makers?

Sir, books and publications, leaflets and posters are published throughout the country which are offensive, derogatory, inflamatory, provocative and the law remains silent-there is no dearth of laws on the books. I wish the theme of Hindu unity and Hindu solidarity was brought up for the reform of the Hindu society. No, Hindu solidarity is being organised in terms of conflict, in terms of hatred, in terms of a negative approach, in terms of a chauvnistic approach to put it into conflict with an other community.

Sir, there are cases of police atrocities which must be distinguished from communal violence. How shall we even forget the Hashimpura? 34 young men were taken to the canal side and slaughtered in cold blood. Their bodies were thrown into the canal. It is a matter of national shame for our country.

Two years have passed. I would like to know whether a single police man has been suspended. What had happened to the killers of Maliana. Only a month ago in Bombay 13 people were killed in cold blood. It was not a communal riot; it was not a case of communal violence. It is true to say that communal forces have penetrated our security forces. They have become contaminated, as was pointed out by Shri Indrajit Gupta.

Sir, it is a funny situation but this is the usual story. The police force joins the mobs, provides them supporting fire and then curfew is imposed. Then the victims are harassed. Then indiscriminatory arrests are made; women are harassed and their belongings are robbed. Then they are taken into police custody and tortured. Their bones are broken and they are even killed in jail. Then false cases are instituted. This is the case and this is the pattern everywhere, whether it is Meerut or Malliana.

"Daman par na koi chheent, na khanjar par koi daag,

Tum katl kare ho ki karamat kare ho."

Sir, I did not want to speak on Babri Masjid. Yes, I did not want to, but I have to say one thing. We have nothing against our Hindu brothers. If our Hindu brothers wish to construct one hundred temples to the glory of Lord Rama in Ayodhya which is their sacred city, I have nothing against it. They are welcome. But why should they say that they were going to demolish a historic mosque which has existed there for about 450 years? When there was no evidence that a temple even existed at that site and when there was no evidence that the exact birth siie of Lord Rama is exactly where the Babri Masjid stands. It can be anywhere in Ayodhya.

We have tried negotiations—bilateral, trilateral, formal, informal, direct, indirect! We have tried mediation. We have tried to create political consensus. I am happy to say that a political consensus has emerged in the country slowly. But there are people in this country who say. "We do not abide by any law. We do not respect any rule. We do

not respect our Constitution. We do not believe in the rule of law. We shall do what we like and we shall not abide by the court's decision."

Sir, I will use this forum to appeal to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, to the RSS and to the BJP to respect the rule of law, because without rule of law, the country shall not remain what it is, country shall be divided. I would like the Government to warn the Vishwa Hindu Parishad about the consequences of defiance of law. I would like to appeal to the Government to toke every possible measure to protect the dignity of the mosque and prevent its demolition. I would request the Government to see the essence of this campaign. It is not a religious campaign, Mr. Home Minister and Mr. Prime Minister. It is nothing but a political campaign. Their target is not the Babri Masjid. Their target is the secular order of the country. Their aim is not the construction of a new temple. Their aim is to construct a Hindu Rashtra.

"Yeh Siyasat ki ada hai, Sanıha koı nahin,

Sabke moonh mein hai zuban, bolta koi nahin."

Sir, let the elections be close at hand. But elections come and go. Governments come and go. Power is transient. Nobody is born to rule for ever. But country must exist and country must survive. Therefore, through you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I appeal to the Government to take every possible measure in truthful obedience to the diktats of the Constitution, in consonance with the diktats of the moral law, in consonance with the duty of the custodians of the law and order of the State and the destiny the people of India. Stop this flood before it is too late. Stop this fire before it consumes everything that is valuable and precious in our heritage, in our history and in our life.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, a secular India alone is an India that can survive.

[Translation]

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY: Let me also speak.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is only intervening. The Home Minister will give the final reply. You can speak tomorrow.

[Translation]

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY: Alright, I will speak in Telugu.

[English]

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Sir, a secular India alone is an India that can survive. Perhaps an India that is not secular does not deserve to survive. Sir, India and secularism must remain synonymous to assure the glory of our civilisation and the future of our country.

In every village of India, in every basti, and in every mohalla, there are people of different faiths, of different languages, of different cultures who live together as neighbours. Secularism is a condition of our existence. It is the essence of our tradition. Secularism and our nationhood are inseparable.

We are a multi-religious society, we are a multi-lingual society, we are a multi-cultural society, but we are not a multi-national society. We are one people, we are one nation, we are one country and we have one common citizenship.

Sir, most civilizations posit nationhood and diversity as antithetical. The single greatest contribution of India to world civilization is to demonstrate that there is nothing antithetical between diversity and nationhood. Through 5000 years of living experience, we have demonstrated to the world that our unity in diversity is a vibrant reality.

Sir, today's world is in desperate need

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of learning from India's experience. Peace and survival in the modern age depend on non-violence, on tolerance, on compassion and understanding; on peaceful co-existence between diverse philosophies and diverse ways of life. Through technological development the world is becoming smaller and is growing into a global village. The world is equally in need of unity and diversity.

India's secularism is a global need because global secularism is inseparable from human survival; it is inseparable from global inter-dependence; it is inseparable from global co-operation.

Sir, the history of humanity is blood splattered with the consequences of narrowminded nationalisms, equating community with nation, religion with nation, language with nation, ethnicity with nation. To escape history's trap of turbulence and tragedy, many countries and regional groupings are now seeking to escape the exclusivisms of past. They are reaching towards multi-cultural societies, where diverse faiths, languages and cultures can live together in harmony, equality and confidence, in the confidence, that they can conserve their heritage and their culture, with the self-confidence to exchange ideas and experiences, to live together without the cross-fertilisation of ideas, leading to cultural genocide.

Sir, in this world-wide effort, the world is learning from India's unity in diversity. No other civilization has as long a record as ours in evolving a composite culture. No other country has as long a record as ours of a polity based on secularism.

Sir, notwithstanding thousands of years of secularism, the forces of communalism have not been vanquished. The history of India is a kind of dialectic between the forces of secularism, tolerance and com passion versus the forces of communalism, fundamentalism and fanaticism. In the long run, secularism will always triumph. But the never ceasing running battle with the opposing forces of communalism continues which we

must fight.

Sir, it is also important to understand how India sees secularism. How do we understand secularism? First and foremost, our secularism is not anti-religious or irreligious. We have a deep and abiding appreciation of the rich vein of spirituality that runs through our culture, that runs through every religion of India. It runs through our history, it runs through every person who is an Indian. That rich vein of spirituality is the source of our moral values, of our ideals and our standards, of our goals and of our objectives. We venerate this spiritual tradition. We cherish its moral values. We respect all the different forms in which this spirituality manifests itself. The cardinal principle of our secularism is equal respect for all religions: sarva dharma samabhaav.

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Our second great principle is that we respect all religions equally. No religious community is singled out for favours by the State, no religious community is subjected to any disability or disadvantage by the State. The State has no religion. The State is above religion. For the State, religion is a private and personal matter for the individual. Whatever religion an Indian professes, whatever faith an Indian propagates, for the State it is a personal matter. The State is concerned only with full protection for all, with equal opportunity for all, with equitable benefits for all. For the State, all Indians are Indians equal in the eyes of the State.

The third principle, which flows from the first and second, is that since religion has high value, it must remain in the sphere of private and personal life. It has no role to play in the politics of the country.

Sir, injecting religion into politics is the poisoning of our body politic. Mixing religion with politics is against the traditions of our civilization, the canons of our Constitution and the survival our our State.

Sir, we have not forgotten, and we will never forget, the terrible consequences to the Freedom Movement, of the mixing of religion with politics. From the War of Independence that started in 1857 to 1940. Indians of all communities, except communalists, were together in the battle to free India. to make India independent for all Indians irrespective of their creed or caste, living together as one nation was axiomatic, respecting and celebrating our glorious diversity, united in the belief that India belongs equally to all Indians.

Soon after the Lahore Resolution was passed by the Muslim League, Sir, because of the Quit India Movement the secular leaders of all communities and religions at that time were mostly in jail or had gone underground. Sir, it gave an opportunity for the communalists to make inroads into the mainstream. Within less than a decade of the Lahore Resolution, India was partitioned.

We shall never let another partition of India happen again. We shall never again let the forces of communalism triumph over secularism.

A patriotic Indian is a secular Indian. A nationalist Indian is a secular Indian. A dedicated Indian is a secular Indian. A disciplined Indian is a secular Indian.

Sir, through forty years of Independence we have shown that we are one nation. We have faced external aggression as a united nation. We have stood firm as one nation against the internal forces of fundamentalism and fanaticism. It is illustrated most dramatically by what has happened in Punjab. The protagonists of secession found common cause with religious fanatics. Together, they roped in terrorists, murderers, hired assassins, gun-runners, smugglers and common criminals, mixing politics with religion, mixing religion with criminality. Gurdwaras were turned into criminal dens till Operation Black Thunder, proving that terrorism was not for religion, not for religious purposes, but for ulterior motives. The people were disgusted at the defilement of the shrines and the misuse of religion. They were disgusted with the intimidation of the Granthis and the oppression of the sevadars.

The people of Puniab have not given in. The tolerance of our people has triumphed. The brotherhood of centuries has triumphed. The innate secularism of our people has triumphed. Sir, the forces of communalism have not accepted defeat. They are always on the prowl, always looking for an opportunity to make mischief, always trying to insinuate themselves into the political life of the country working from behind the scene or using others as a front. If the secular forces stand together, communalism can be contained. The danger arises when political parties, for opportunistic reasons, lend the weight of their support to narrow causes.

There are political parties represented even in this House that have become tools wittingly or unwittingly of fundamentalism and fanaticism masquerading as religion. Some political parties live on stoking the fears of religious minorities. Other political parties live on stoking the religious passions of the majority communities. And then there are those who convert petty arguments and minor disputes into communal conflagrations. There are those that create disputes where none exist. There are those that incite passions only to pose as protectors of the faith. The Congress is pledged to have nothing to do under any circumstances with such forces.

As a Government our foremost duty is to safeguard secularism. We invite the cooperation of every section of this House to join us in this great national endeavour. I welcome the suggestion that has been made by Shri Indrajit Gupta. I have already requested the Home Minister to call all the secular parties, all the nationalist 1st parties, and to talk with them and work with them to see how we can build a composite culture.

Our secular traditions began with the Vedas and the epics. The concept of the Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, further developed by the Buddha and Mahavira, was the basis for the development of Indian civilization and of our society. We welcomed Judaism in

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Kerala; we welcomed St. Thomas and Christianity; we welcomed Zoraostrianism and today we have the largest Parsi community in the world; we welcomed the great Sikh Gurus from Guru Nanak to Guru Gobind Singh. We synthesized Islam and the great Sufi tradition of Amir Khusro and Kabir and Baba Farid and Shah Abdul Latif. Our religious festivals are festivals not of one community but of all Indians and all communities. We celebrate them together.

Over the last 40 years we have augmented our capacity to tackle communalism. It is reflected in the declining trend in communal incidents. It is reflected in the containment in the numbers of persons losing their lives and suffering injury in communal clashes. But the task has not ended. It will not end till there are no more communal incidents, till there is no more loss of life or limb or property. Indeed, not even then as the highest vigilance will be required to keep communalism at bay. We will have to fight communalism till it is defeated and ended and completely vanguished.

Law and order is a State subject. The Centre can at best consider the national perspective, issue guidelines and assist State Governments, but the primary responsibility lies squarely with the State Governments. The State Governments have been assisted time and again by the courts, and I would specially like to congratulate the Bombay High Court and Justice Barucha for their historic decision.

Sir. we have commended to the Chief Ministers the far-reaching recommendations of the National Integration Council's subgroup headed by Shri P.N. Haksar, There has been some effect, although the overall action has not been to our satisfaction. The overall communal situation has become better than in the past. But there is no room for complacency. The communal monster must be laid low.

Indiraji fell martyr to the bullets of com-

munalism. She was the author of the 15-Point Programme which was to be implemented by all the State Governments. I have chaired a number of reviews of that programme and although we have made much progress, I am not happy with the progress that has been made. Much more needs to be done and we will be seeing to it that the follow up is up to the mark. With each session that we have had the follow up has worked better and the results are showing. The curve is on the upswings. But it is too slow. It must be accelerated. We urge the protection of the minorities. We must work for multi-religious police forces. We must give special assistance for the education and economic advancement of the minorities.

The challenge to secularism is not from one quarter, but from fanatics of all faiths stirring trouble in various ways. There are those who ignore our composite culture and project to followers, a distorted and motivated picture of India's history creating grievances where there are none, making political capital out of distressed religious sentiments. It is for the State Governments to be alive to such attempts, to set up an intelligence system for advance information about trouble makers and trouble spots. It is for State Governments to take preventive action and quick, corrective measures.

No State Government, Congress or non-Congress, can claim an unblemished record. All State Governments, Congress and non-Congress, have attempted to tackle the problem. No State Government has ever been refused a full assistance of the Centre in preventing or tackling the problems in a particular situation. This is not an issue between the Centre and the States. It is not an issue between the Congress and other parties. It is a national issue and it is an issue that demands a national response.

The elements of a response, formulated through a general consensus and the consent of the country, is what is needed. The secular injunctions of the Constitution must be carried out in good faith and with deep dedication. Religion must not be mixed with Discussion on

politics. No one doing so can run for elections today after our recent amendments. But still there are some political parties who have not amended their constitutions. These political parties must amend their constitution and bring them into conformity with the nation's Constitution.

The minorities needing educational and economic help must be assisted to avail of equality of opportunity as guaranteed by the law. Genuine grievances must be tackled quickly. Imaginary grievances must be quickly exposed. The machinery of law and order must be insulated from all religious prejudice, from all communal overtones. The people of India must be involved in giving practical expression to their innate secularism.

This year we are celebrating the birth centenary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He was one of our greatest secular leaders, perhaps one of the greatest secular leaders of all time.

When Gandhiji was felled by religious fanatics, the national responsibility of carrying forward secularism fell on Panditji's shoulders.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru staunched the bloodletting of partition, reassured the minorities, reformed the obsolete and oppressive mores of the majority community. He gave Indians of all faiths the confidence that the State is above all prejudice, above all discrimination, above all narrowness. He assured every Indian of honour and opportunity.

Sir, we would soon like to call a meeting of the National Integration Council to discuss the issue of communalism, and we would like that to be followed up after the Home Minister has his initial meetings with leaders and members of the opposition parties.

Sir, in a few days, we will be commemorating the 25th anniversary of the passing away of Panditji. There can be no more significant manner of honouring Panditji's memory than in fulfilling his ideals, in rededicating ourselves, in rededicating India and every Indian to the principles of secularism which Jawaharlal Nehru espoused and the unflinching application of the principles to the political and social life of our country.

Thank you, Sir.

18.15 1/2 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Seventy-first Report

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT (East Delhi): I beg to present the Seventy-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

18.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, May 4, 1989/ Vaisakha 14, 1911 (Saka)