

which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 11th May, 1988."

#### ASSENT TO BILL

[English]

**SECRETARY-GENERAL** : Sir, I lay on the Table the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1988, passed by the Houses of Parliament during the current session and assented to since a report was last made to the House on the 29th April, 1988.

12.5½ hrs.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

[English]

Minutes

**SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI** (Dharmapuri) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table Minutes (Hindi and English versions) of the Forty-sixth to Fifty-third sittings of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions held during the current session.

#### COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

[English]

Minutes

**SHRI A.E.T. BARROW** (Nominated Anglo-Indian) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table Minutes (Hindi and English versions) of the sittings of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House held on the 17th March and 9th May, 1988.

12.06 hrs.

#### COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

[English]

Seventh Report

**SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL** (Kopergaon) : Sir, I beg to present the

Seventh Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Petitions.

#### PETITION RE. AMENDMENT TO THE SIKKIM (CITIZENSHIP) ORDER, 1975

**SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI** (Sikkim) : Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Dilli Ram Basnet, MLA, and others regarding amendment to the Sikkim (Citizenship) Order, 1975.

12 06½ hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

Non-availability of certain varieties of hybrid seeds

**SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA** (Hasan) : Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :

"The problems faced by farmers of Karnataka and other States due to non-availability of certain varieties of hybrid seeds and failure of National Seeds Corporation to supply the same to farmers and steps taken by the Government in that regard"

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL)** : Hybrid seeds are used by the farmers in India for crops like sorghum, bajra, maize, sunflower, cotton and castor. Some hybrid seeds of vegetables, fruits and flowers are also being used.

While the State Seed Corporations undertake the primary responsibility for supplying the seeds to the farmers, NSC and SFCI also supplement their efforts at the national level. NSC and SFCI produce hybrid seeds of maize, sorghum, bajra, sunflower, cotton, castor and vegetables.