15.31 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Thirty-Eighth Report

[Translation]

SHRIMATI USHA RANI TOMAR (Aligarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Thrity-eighth Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on 6th August, 1987."

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The questions:

"That this House do agree with the Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on 6th August, 1987."

The motion was adopted.

15.32 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE: MEASURES FOR UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBAL PEOPLE—Contd.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will now take up further discussion on the following Resolution moved by Shri Dileep Singh Bhuria on the 16th April, 1987:

"This House expresses its concern over the continued backwardness of tribal people in the country even after thirty-nine years of independence and in order to prevent their exploitation and uplift them economically, socially culturally and educationally, recommends to the Government to---

- (i) take necessary measures for proper and effective implementation of various tribal welfare schemes in tribal regions;
- (ii) open more schools and adult education centres in the tribal regions;
- (iii) give priority in employment to tirbal people in various Government developmental schemes viz. construction and other works undertaken through the Departments of Irrigation, Public Works, Forest Development, Public Health and Rural Engineering, etc. in tribal regions; and
- (iv) purchase their forest-produce at reasonable prices."

[Translation]

SHRI MANKURAM SODI (Bastar): Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I support the Resolution moved by Shri Bhuria. In the Resolution it has been mentioned that a lot of progress has been made due to the efforts made and plans executed in the country to remove backwardness of the Adivasis. We have marched a ahead from what we were thousands of years ago. This has brought awareness in the adivasi areas. As a result of that awareness they have made efforts to march on the road to progress. Even then we are still quite backward vis-a-vis the rest of the world. In order to remove this backwardness in the adivasi areas, first of all we have to construct roads for them to facilitate easy movement. In the absence of roads the hamlets of the adivasis remain isolated and there is no communication or interaction among them. Due to non-availability of roads good teachers also are not able to come to those areas. If goods teachers do not reach their areas, the condition of these Adivasis in those backward areas will rest at the very place they had been thousands of years ago. The non-availability of roads poses great difficulties for them in receiving