

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

11.10 hrs.

[English]

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports

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

- (1) Thirteenth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 216th Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) regarding Drawback Payments.
- (2) Fourteenth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 180th Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) regarding Union Excise Duties—Exemption of Goods falling under Tariff Item 68.

11.09 hrs.

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY
OF INDIA BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANS-
PORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Sir, I beg to
move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide
for the constitution of an authority for the
regulation and development of inland water-
ways for purposes of shipping and naviga-
tion and for matters connected therewith or
incidental thereto.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce
a Bill to provide for the constitution of
an authority for the regulation and devel-
opment of inland waterways for purposes
of shipping and navigation and for
matters connected therewith or incidental
thereto.”

The motion was adopted.

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI : I introduce the
Bill.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (i) Need to send a Central Medical team to Shahjahanpur, U.P. to prevent the spread of diseases like Malaria, Cholera etc.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA
(Shahjahanpur) : I draw the attention of the
Government towards the drought prevailing
in certain districts of Uttar Pradesh, specially
in Shahjahanpur. The paddy, sugarcane and
Kharif crops are badly damaged due to lack
of rainfall. Paddy transplantation also
could not be done. A very serious situation
is being faced by the people of Shahjahanpur
as epidemics like Malaria, Cholera and
dysentery are spreading in every village result-
ing in deaths. Immediate relief measures be
taken, a Central team be sent to assess the
situation and Central Medical team with
doctors and medicines be rushed to
Shahjahanpur. Adequate facilities for pure
drinking water be done on war footing so
that the spread of the diseases is checked.

- (ii) Widening of National Highway No. 43
in Orissa

SHRI K. PRADHANI (Nowrangpur) :
Koraput district is the largest district in
Orissa and second largest district in the
country. Large number of projects namely
Upper Kolab and Upper Indravati Multi-
purpose projects are under construction by
the State Government in addition to some
already there. The National Aluminium
Factory which is the largest of its kind is
also under construction in the district. There
is no railway line linking these projects and
as such the heavy machines required for these
projects are being taken on the National
Highway 43 from Vizianagram railway station
in Andhra Pradesh. The road which passes
over Eastern Ghat Mountains is very narrow,
specially on the hill slopes. Large sized
trailors carrying heavy machinery of these
projects pass on this road with great difficulty
and at times stop at inconvenient places and
thereby block the entire traffic. The road
on plains also is very narrow in Orissa
compared to that of Madhya Pradesh. The