

## 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]

- (1) 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