

12.06 hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Eighteenth Report

[English]

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool) : I beg to present the Eighteenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of Public Account Committee on Action Taken on their 210th Report (7th Lok Sabha) regarding Performance of Container Service.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Statements

[English]

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool) : I beg to lay the following Statements (Hindi and English versions) of Public Accounts Committee :—

- (i) Statement showing action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of 121st Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) on Incorrect Valuation of Assets.
- (ii) Statement showing action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I of 79th Report (Seventh Lok Sabha) On Assessment of Foreign Technicians.
- (iii) Statement showing action taken by Government in the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of 188th Report (Seventh Lok Sabha) on All India Handicrafts Board.
- (iv) Statement showing action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and final replies in respect of Chapter V of 197th Report

(Seventh Lok Sabha) on Direct Taxes relating to Provisional Assessments and Refunds.

12.08 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

Recent Increase in prices of sugar, vanaspati, edible oils and other essential commodities.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, we take up the Calling Attention. As per our agreement, all these things are coming in a chain.

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer) : I call the attention of the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :

“Recent increase in prices of sugar, vanaspati, edible oils and other essential commodities and the action taken by the Government in regard thereto.”

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEV) : Hon'ble Members are aware that there was some improvement in the overall price situation in 1984-85. The annual rate of inflation declined from 9.2% in March, 1984 to 6% in March, 1985. The annual rate of inflation has declined further to 4.8% in the first week of November, 1985. During the first seven months of the current financial year the Wholesale Price Index has moved up by less than 4.0%. I may also inform the Hon'ble Members that during the past 13 weeks ending 2nd November, 1985, the Wholesale Price Index has moved down by 2.0%. However, the prices of some essential commodities have moved up.

2. The availability of essential commodities has been generally satisfactory. It is remarkable, Hon'ble Members