

"Balo Balo Sabe Shato Bida Benu Rabe Bharat Aabar Jagat Sabhai Shresh-thaasaan Labe".

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : The poetry is not of Shri Rabindranath Tagore, it is of Shri Atul Prasad.

SHRI A.K. PANJA : I am always reminded of Tagore whenever I think of Atul Prasad.

17.42 hrs.

#### BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### Seventeenth Report

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : Sir, I beg to present the Seventeenth Report of Business Advisory Committee.

17.44 hrs.

#### HALF AN HOUR DISCUSSION

##### Medical Scheme for DTC Employees

[Translation]

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA (Pali) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I had asked a question (No. 155) which reads as under :-

[English]

The total expenditure on medical facilities of DTC during the last six months and the number of employees registered thereof.

Whether the scheme for the welfare of the Employees is likely to be discontinued. The answer was :

The total expenditure Rs. 7,72,86,318 for six months.

[Translation]

The Delhi Transport Corporation has suffered loss to the tune of Rs. 113 crores during the period of one year and the Delhi Transport Corporation spent

an amount of Rs. 7 crores under a medical scheme during the period of 6 months. I would like to tell you as to how this money was given in the past. In the reply to an earlier question in this regard it was stated as under :

[English]

"About 36,000 employees and their families are getting medical facilities. In 1982-83 the amount given was Rs. 55,03,316/- In 1983-84 it became Rs. 73 lakhs. In 1984-85 it jumped to Rs. 9.15 crores'. It increased by about fifteen times in one year

[Translation]

An amount of Rs. 7,15,00,000 was paid to them under the medical scheme alone. I am happy to note that one of our Ministers has achieved a great success in the Department of Railways. I am not saying this, but the work done by him speaks of him. The same Minister is also Minister of Transport, but the manner in which this money has been paid is a matter of regret. Had this money been paid their welfare, I would have welcomed this step. The Delhi Transport Corporation has paid an amount of Rs. 7 crores during the period of 6 months i.e. this amount will come to Rs. 14 crores in one year. They are very clever and they know the art. I am saying this because it is happening during the regime of a Minister, who is fearless and who takes very quick decisions. Sir, I would like to know as to what this scheme is after all. You are fully aware of the state of affairs prevailing in the Delhi Transport Corporation. I wish that nobody should travel by DTC buses. The Delhi Transport Corporation has a fleet of 5,000 buses which include 900 private buses which are under its operation. Still it has suffered heavy losses during the period of one year. One will feel surprised over this huge loss. The D. T. C. has suffered a loss of Rs. 176 crores. It has played with the people of the country. It has suffered successive losses from 1958 to 1980. It has suffered loss to the tune of Rs. 113 crores during the period of one year alone. Who took this money? You should look into this scheme. It is a very wonderful scheme! Even an M. P. does