

[*English*]

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Our State Government is helping the poor people as well as the farmers. ... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRIBHAJAN LAL: I do appreciate that you are a well-educated intelligent Member and have made good points about farmers. You are a great sympathiser of farmers. I am also not less than that and none of the hon. Members of the House is unsympathetic towards them. Hon. Shri Ranga has made good suggestions. I will consider all these points seriously. The Central Government will make efforts to implement all the good suggestions and I will also endeavour to ensure their implementation to the maximum possible extent.

With these words, I am very grateful to those hon. Members who have expressed their valuable views here.

15.31 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS'
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

[*English*]

Fifty-Seventh Report

SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI (Rajkot): I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Fifty-seventh Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on the 16th November, 1988."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Fifty-seventh Report of the Committee

on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on the 16th November, 1988."

The motion was adopted

15.32 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE: IMPLEMENTATION
ON NEW 20-POINT PROGRAMME—
Contd.

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now we take up further discussion on the Resolution regarding implementation of New 20-Point Programme moved by Shri Somnath Rath on 19th August, 1988.

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada): I congratulate Mr. Somnath Rath for bringing this Private Members' Resolution. I fully agree with his view that in the implementation of the 20-Point Programme the much needed commitment is lacking.

This Programme was initiated in 1975, modified in 1982 and re-modified in 1986. Its main and primary objective is removal of poverty. Though several thousand crores of rupees have been spent during the last 13 years, still only marginal change is there in the situation. I do not say that there is no change at all. I do accept that there is some change, but much more is needed to be done. I will quote one instance. You are aware that in northern India especially during the winter months not less than 300 to 400 poor people die because they do not have adequate clothes to protect themselves from the cold wave. Now, IRDP and several other programmes are intended to help the poorest of the poor in the rural areas. If this was really done, if really the poorest of the poor was helped, this situation would not have arisen. This is mainly because during the process of its implementation there are certain deficiencies at different levels. Actually the Government's intention