

11.08 hrs.

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hundred and Fortieth Report

SHRI AMAL DATTA (Diamond Harbour): I beg to present the Hundred and Fortieth Report (Hindi and English versions) of Public Accounts Committee on Wheel and Axle Plant, Yelahanka.

11.8 1/2 hrs.

PETITION RE: PRIVATISATION OF
BEL—TALOJA UNIT

[English]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Sanjeev Shetty and other workers of Bharat Electronics Limited regarding privatisation of BEL—Taloja unit.

11.09 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[Translation]

- (I) **Need to direct the Government of Rajasthan to ensure proper representation in jobs to backward classes**

SHRI SHANKAR LAL (Pali): Mr.

Speaker, Sir, articles 15(4) and 16(4) of our Constitution provides that educationally and socially backward people should be given special amenities. The recommendations made in the report of the Mandal Commission which was appointed by the Government under article 340 of the constitution, are still under consideration of the Government. The Department of Social Welfare in Rajasthan has published a separate list of backward classes for district Ajmer and remaining parts of Rajasthan. There is no provision to provide any facilities to the unemployed and weaker sections of society in securing Government job as these are available in other States. The Central Government should issue suitable instructions to the Government of Rajasthan in this regard.

- (II) **Need to sanction construction of bridge over river Sikarhana in Bihar in next year's plan**

SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA (Motihari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the river Sikarhana (Burhi Gandak) divides East Champaran district in the State of Bihar into two parts. The entire area on the other side of the river remains full of greenery and is very fertile. But even then this area is very backward owing to lack of transportation facilities. Even after 40 years of independence the headquarters of this district remains cut off from Motihari and the State capital Patna for 5 months during the year due to floods and rainy season. During the Monsoon the entire area remains inundated and looks like vast sea. During that period no means of transport is available there. In view of this the life of 1.5 million people becomes hell. Keeping in view the critical position of transport, I request the Central Government to issue suitable instructions to the State Government of Bihar to include the plan of constructing bridges over Sikarhana river at Katahaghat and Bhurkukhaghat in the next annual plan of the Bihar State.