

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA ; Then I can continue my speech on the next day. I will take two minutes to conclude my speech on Monday. Thank you.

15.04 hrs.

MOTION RE : FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

[English]

SHRI DAL CHANDER JAIN (Damoh): Sir, I beg to move :

“That this House do agree with the Fourth Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on the 14th August, 1985.”

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

“That this House do agree with the Fourth Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on the 14th August, 1985”.

*The motion was adopted.*

15.05 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE : DEVELOPMENT OF HILL AREAS *Contd.*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House will now take up further discussion on the resolution moved by Shri Harish Rawat on the 2nd August, 1985. Shri Harish Rawat to continue.

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) : The Minister for Planning is not here Sir.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Don't worry, you carry on. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is here, he will look after.

[Translation]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in this age of science and technology, the importance of Himalayas as a sentinel might have diminished to some extent, but so far as the question of its effect on the climate of the entire North India and fertility of Ganga-Yamuna plains is concerned, the importance of the Himalayas cannot be underestimated. Today, the Himalayan ranges are becoming sick. We are not paying requisite attention to them. A multi-purpose project needs to be formulated to keep the Himalayas healthy in the interest of not only hills but of the entire North India and the country's economy. I would not like to say that the planners in the country did not do anything or did not think about the development of hills after independence. Such a comment would amount to negating the efforts made by the planners. They thought about it and allocated funds for it also, but the required benefit is not reaching them. What are the reasons for it? In my opinion following are the reasons :

[English]

1. Shortage of resources for the States.
2. Inadequate linkage among various programmes.
3. Lack of perspective planning by the States.
4. Absence of physical monitoring at the field level.

15.06 hrs.

[SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN *in the chair*]

[Translation]

Sir, I would like to portray two situations before the House. The first is about a common woman of hill areas who represents the life of 95 per cent women. This woman gets up at 4 O'clock in the morning. She arranges fodder for the