12.58 hrs

[English]

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SHOWING REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION BY THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1996

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): On behalf of Shri Sitaram Kesri: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for immediate legislation by the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Ordinance, 1996.

[Placed in Library See. No. LT 9098/96.]

12.58 1/2 hrs

[English]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hundred and Fourteenth, Hundred, and Fifteenth and Hundred and Sixteenth Reports

SHRI RAM NAIK (BOMBAY NORTH): Sir, I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee (Tenth Lok Sabha).

- (1) Hundred and fourteenth Report on Action Taken on 83rd Report of Public Accounts Committee (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Customs Receipts - Loss of revenue due to non-availability of a provision in the Act.
- (2) Hundred and fifteenth Report on Action Taken on 92nd Report of Public Accounts Committee (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Import of life-expired ammunition.
- (3) Hundred and Sixteenth Report on Action Taken on 98th Report of Public Accounts Committee (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Union Excise Duties - System defects in working of Chief Accounting Offices.

12.59 hrs

[English]

MATTER UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to Check Violation of Human Rights in the Country

SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR (Faridkot): Sir, of late, incidents of violation of Human Rights have been on increase in the country. Recently, a very famous and internationally known Punjabi folk singer, Shri Dilshad Akhtar, was allegedly killed in the presence of thousands of people. This killing has sent shock waves all over the country in the minds of artists, singers, poets, writers and eminent personalities of India. Cinema, social and cultural organisations have also condemned this cold-blooded murder.

I request the Union Government to ensure that the guilty and responsible persons involved in this killing are punished according to the rule of law.

13.00 hrs

[Translation]

(ii) Need to Allocate more Electricity to Haryana from Central Pool

SHRI JANGBIR SINGH (Bhiwani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the power crisis in Haryana, especially in my Parliamentary Constituency Bhiwani. Haryana Government is unable to produce sufficient power due to its limited resources. Due to the shortage of Coal and some other technical difficulties the thermal power plants located at Faridabad, Yamunanagar and Panipat are not generating electricity to their full capacity. Haryana is an agricultural state. The State Government is providing 60 percent of total consumption of electricity to farmers. The State have a total capacity of generating 2377 Megawatt electricity. Due to power cut the agriculture and industrial sector have been adversely affected. Farming in Badhda, Dadri, Loharu and Sakhnali area of my Parliamentary Constituency depends upon tubewells. Level of underground water is 280 ft. low here. Today this state requires additional 1500 Megawatt electricity urgently.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government that in view of the requirement of the State additional 1500 MW electricity should be immediately provided from Central pool so that the farmers of the State could be saved from power crisis.

(iii) Need to Provide Adequate Operational Facilities at Rajahmundary Airport, Andhra Pradesh

[English]

DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY (Rajahmundry): Sir, Rajahmundry is a big city in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh having an airport nearby. Vayudoot services used to operate six days