

- (ii) Report on Study Tour of Study Group II of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on its visit to Hyderabad, Madras, Madurai, Cochin and Kodaikanal during July, 1993.

12.35½ hrs.

COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM THE SITTING OF THE HOUSE

Minutes

[English]

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, Minutes (Hindi and English versions) of the sitting of the Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House held on 19th April, 1994).

12.36 hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Sixth Report

[English]

SHRI PALA K. M. MATHEW (Idukki): I beg to present the Sixth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development on Demands for Grants (1994-95) of the Ministry of Rural Development and the Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

12.36 ¼ hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Fourth Report

[English]

SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA (Hassan): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Fourth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Department-Related Parliament Standing Committee on Commerce on Demands for Grants (1994-95) of the Department of Supply.

12.36½ hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to formulate medium term drought proofing programme to cope with drought situation in Bolangir, Orissa**

[English]

SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK (Bolangir): Sir, the Bolangir Parliamentary constituency is reeling under drought conditions for the last few years. Due to absence of an integrated action plan, the situation is deteriorating day by day. Last year, when Prime Minister had visited the area, he suggested a Medium-Term Drought Proofing Programme (MTDPP) to be implemented in this area. As the area has large concentration of landless and marginal farmers belonging to weaker sections, an urgent action is required in this regard.

I urge upon the Central Government to announce the MTDPP to arrest further deterioration in the situation.