

Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 25th July, 1994."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Forty-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 25th July, 1994."

*The motion was adopted.*

12.42 hrs.

#### MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to Formulate a Viable Policy to Minimise the Rate of Dropouts among the Girl Students**

*[English]*

SHRI P. P. KALIAPERUMAL (Cuddalore): Sir, the Jakarta Declaration for the advancement of women reaffirms the commitment of countries of Asian and Pacific regions towards the advancement of the status of women. Education has been identified as a major tool for advancement of women.

But the rate of dropouts among the girls has not been minimised. One of the reasons for these obstacles is absence of freedom from fear among girls and their parents. They are in a state of panic due to increasing atrocities against girl students by anti-social elements.

In these circumstances, parents are in the grip of panic and hence do not favour education of girls.

Easy and safer access of girls to educational institutions is an imperative for achieving the object of advancement of women. Security measures within the school campus alone are not sufficient. Provision of security network with transport arrangements for the girls to commute to schools and back home is inevitable.

I urge upon the Central Government to make all-out efforts to minimise the rate of dropouts among the girl students, ensuring them freedom from fear.

- (ii) **Need to provide more Facilities to Health Guides in Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh**

*[Translation]*

SHRI MANKU RAM SODI (Bastar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the following issue.

Under the Sixth Five Year Plan one health guide for every one thousand people was appointed on an honorarium of Rs. 50/- per month, in the rural areas of the country. Earlier, these guides were provided mini-kits of medicines. Despite having limited medical facilities and a meagre honorarium they worked diligently with full and made the scheme popular. They have been extending a great contribution in the prevention of gastroenteritis in the rural areas.

These health guides want to gear up this movement, particularly in tribal rural areas with their decision. But the provision of mini-kits to them has been withdrawn since 1986-87. For this purpose the guides deployed in rural areas in all over Madhya Pradesh presented a joint representation to the administration demanding to restore the