

12.13 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Eighty-third Report and Minutes

SHRI BANSI LAL (Bhiwani) : I beg to present the Eighty-third Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Estimates Committee on the Ministry of Industry—Motor Cars, and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

12.13 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

Ninety-fourth Report and Minutes

SHRI MADHUSUDAN VAIRALE (Akola) : I beg to present the Ninety-fourth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Public Undertakings on H. M. T. Ltd. (Excluding Tractors Division) and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

12.14 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
SCHEDULED CASTES AND
SCHEDULED TRIBES

Fifty-first and Fifty-fourth Reports

SHRI A. C. DAS (Jajpur) : I beg to present the following reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes :—

- (i) Fifty-first Report on the Ministry of Home Affairs—Socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

- (ii) Fifty-fourth Report on the Ministry of Defence—Reservations for, and employment of, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Defence Services.

12.15 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Harish Rawat—absent.

Shri Bishnu Prasad.

12.15 hrs.

[MR DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

- (i) Need to develop the air-strip at Misa near Kaziranga, Assam, for Vayudoot service.

SHRI BISHNU PRASAD (Kaliabor) : Kaziranga, the National Park in Assam, is famous for one horned Rhinos. This is a rare species not to be found anywhere in the world.

Presently both foreign and Indian tourists, going to this National Park have to get down at Gauhati and from there they have to motor down a distance of 137 miles, which in itself is a tiresome journey.

There is an Airstrip at Misa, constructed during the Second world war. It is about 20 miles from Kaziranga Park area. If this airstrip is renovated and made operational for Vayudoot service, it will give a tremendous boost to tourism which will help improve the economic conditions of the people living nearby.

In and around Misa there are large number of tea gardens and a permanent Military Camp. Probably that is why Misa was included for survey in the Sixth Five Year Plan, as also in the Programme of Action by the Civil Aviation Department to provide an airstrip there.