

gramme has, over the years, received assistance and cooperation from the U.S. Therefore, the objective during the Prime Minister's talks with President Reagan and his colleagues was, while acknowledging frankly our areas of disagreement, to try to build upon areas of agreement in such a way as to develop a more friendly and cooperative relationship.

11. In a world of great diversities, it is obvious that tolerance of different viewpoints and understanding of each other's perceptions could alone constitute the broad basis for amicable relations and cooperation among nations. As the Prime Minister pointed out during her visit, the development of our friendship with one state does not and ought not to exclude or be at the expense of friendly relations with any other. This policy of ours has been clearly enunciated time and again. We judge each issue on its merits taking into account the interests of our nation and of world peace. There were several indications during the visit that this is being recognised, along with India's role as a factor of stability and moderation not only in our region but also in the broader international context. We hope that Indo-US relations will be informed by this new spirit hereafter.

12. The Prime Minister's halt in Japan was originally in transit, but the invitation of Prime Minister Suzuki enabled her to stop overnight. A keen desire to strengthen bilateral cooperation and work together for preserving peace and ensuring a better life for all characterised the conversations with Prime Minister Suzuki. The Prime Minister was glad to find a good appreciation in Japan of our need for developmental finance.

13. The Prime Minister has invited President Ronald Reagan and Mrs. Nancy Reagan also Vice-President George Bush of the United States to visit India. She also renewed the invitation to the Prime Minister of Japan to visit this country.

11.10 hrs.

### COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL AND RESOLUTIONS FORTY-EIGHT REPORT

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we go to Private Members Business. Prof. Roop Chand Pal.

PROF. RUP CHAND PAL (Hooghly): I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Forty-eight Report of the Committee on Private Members, Bills" and Resolutions Presented to the House on the 11th August, 1982."

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Forty-eighth Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolution presented to the House on the 11th August, 1982."

*The Motion was adopted*

### RESOLUTION RE: STEPS FOR REMOVAL OF BACKWARDNESS OF THE NORTH EASTERN REGION— *Contd.*

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we take up the resolution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan was on his legs. He is not here.

Now only 11 minutes are left. Therefore, I would ask the Hon. Minister to intervene and then the mover will reply.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The resolution moved by Shri Bajju Ban Riyan has been discussed at length. I am grateful to the Members who have participated and expressed their views.