

[Shri P. A. Sangama]

rolls. 500 to 600 students came to gherao me saying, "You should not file your nomination". I put them several questions. I asked, "what is your demand"? They said, "the foreign nationals' names should be deleted". I brought the electoral rolls and told them, "Here are the electoral rolls. Whoever are foreign nationals according to the Government, their names have been deleted. If you have any additional names of foreign nationals, tell me." They said, "we do not know". I said, "If you yourselves do not know who are the foreign nationals, how can you say that foreign nationals' names should be deleted? Who has given you the power to say that there should not be election? Who has given the power to the 500 students to speak on behalf of 6 lakhs of people in the constituency? If the 6 lakhs of people think that there should not be elections, let them not come to the polling booths. This is what I said in every election campaign of mine. But there was 87 per cent to 90 per cent polling in many parts of my constituency out of which my party, Congress-I got 74 per cent votes of the total votes cast. We have not only won in every Assembly segment, but we have practically won in all the polling booths. The so-called regional parties, who are trying to create problems in my district and also in Meghalaya....

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SHRI P. A. SANGMA: They not only lost their deposit but they drew a stations blank in many polling stations.

It is not a fact that tribal people are not for national parties. We have a Cong.(I) Government in Arunachal Pradesh. In the last election in Nagaland, out of perhaps 32

seats which we have contested, we have won 15 seats in spite of all the efforts of Shri George Fernandes, being there permanently. We have won the parliamentary seat also in the last parliamentary poll.

18 hrs.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): He went to Chikmuglur also.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: I advise the people sitting on the opposite, if you are sincere in solving this problem, please do not try to play with the things which are going on there. Do not try to politicalise the issue. Do not try to encourage regional sentiments which are going on in the region. If you do so, then there is no meaning in making long speeches here on national integration or unity of the country. If you are really sincere in solving this problem, then you should not encourage these regional feelings.

18.01 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FOURTH REPORT

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): I beg to present the Fourth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the House is adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 11.0' clock.

18 02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, June 10, 1980/ Jyaishta 20, 1902 (Saka).