

Tribes on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report of the Committee on the Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production—Reservations for, and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Ordnance Factory Board and in Ordnance Factories

12.15 hrs.

STATEMENT RE: SOME PRESS REPORTS ABOUT PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH IN NAGALAND

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA
NARAIN SINGH): Some hon. Mem-
bers day before yesterday referred to
the Press reports which had appeared
on October 23, 1962, to the effect that
the Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira
Gandhi in her speeches in Nagaland
had said that pro-Centre States had a
prior claim of Central attention.

An official spokesman has already
contradicted these incorrect reports.
However, since the Hon'ble Members
have asked for a further clarification
in the House, I am reading out the
note which the Prime Minister wrote.

"My attention has been drawn to a
news report which appeared in a
section of the Press on 23rd October,
1962, which is incorrect and even
mischievous. Nagaland is a sensitive
and strategic area with special pro-
blems. At no time or place, either
during this election or any other have
I said that only those working for the
Congress would be helped. My Govern-
ment has helped all State Govern-
ments regardless of the ruling party
there.

As I was speaking on behalf of the
Congress, I naturally, appealed to
the people to vote for the Congress
candidates, adding that Congress
candidates would be more effective
since they believe in and would im-
plement our special programmes for

the tribal and hill people and weaker
sections. However, my stress was on
the importance of the unity of the
country the advantages of a national
party as opposed to a regional party.
I also said that for reasons of security
and development it was more ad-
vantageous to belong to a larger unit.
I laid stress on the importance of
Nagaland coming more closely into
the national mainstream. No party or
individual who has the nation's good
at heart will advocate any sentiment
in Nagaland which could weaken this
closeness."

**COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE
LEGISLATION**

FOURTEENTH REPORT

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA
(Pali): I beg to present the Four-
teenth Report (Hindi and English
versions) of the Committee on Sub-
ordinate Legislation.

12.17 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REPORTED SERIOUS SITUATION PREVAIL-
ING IN THE COIR INDUSTRY**

SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE (Idukki):
I call the attention of the Minister of
Industry & Steel and Mines to the
following matter of urgent public im-
portance and I request that he may
make a statement thereon:—

"Reported serious situation pre-
vailing in the coir industry due to
accumulation of stock, mechanisa-
tion and lack of raw materials in
the Coir . . ."

It has been wrongly typed as Cor-
poration it should be actually 'Co-
operatives'—

". . .Co-operatives of India."
12.18 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]