12.04 hrs.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): With your permission Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business in this House during the week commencing 11th December, 1978, will consist of:—

- (1) Discussion on the present international situation and the policy of the Government of India in relation thereto on a motion to be moved by Shri Y. B. Chavan.
- (2) Further consideration of the Report of the Working Group on autonomy for Akashvani and Doordarshan
- (3) Consideration and passing of:—
 - (a) The Sugar Undertakings (Taking over of Management) Bill, 1978; and
 - (b) The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill 1978.
 - (4) Discussion and voting on: -
 - (a) Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 1976-77;
 - (b) Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 1978-79.
 - (c) Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1978-79.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Chandrappan.

C. K. **CHANDRAPPAN** (Cannanore): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like certain Ministers to make some statements next week on some important matters. In violence of the recommendations of the Hathi Committee and also in violence of the general guidelines of policy laid down by the Ministry, there are certain moves taking place in the country. There is a multi-national Corporation, called Wyth and Co. It is a multi-national, incorporated in New York

MR. SPEAKER: Are you on the List of Business? Have you given any notice about it?

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Yes; I have given certain notices for discussion. I want the Minister to make a statement clarifying the position about the negotiations going on between the Government and that company.

MR. SPFAKER: It is not in the List of Business.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: It should be included in the List of Business for the Minister to make a statement. I am making a suggestion that this matter should be brought before the House, because it affects the guidelines of policy—and it is in violation of the recommendations of that report.

MR. SPEAKER: The Business Advisory Committee does not go into these matters.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: I am making a suggestion...(Interruptions)

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA (Serampore): May I make a submission?

MR. SPEAKER: He is on his legs; you cannot jump in

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Therefore, on the negotiations that are going on with Geoffrey Manners, a statement should be made. The second point is about the strike and agitation by the LIC field officers which is going on. And the Government is trying to suppress it. Many have been suspended and many arrested. It is there in part 3. I want the Minister to make a statement.

MR. SPEAKER: It has no relevance to the List of Business. You can rise it later.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Next week I want the Minister to make a statement. Another point I want to make is this: hon. Minister Mr. Kaushik has opposed the foreign collaboration of ITC with Sheraton of New York; and over the head of this Minister, the Prime Minister's Secretariat recommended the matter to the Bureau...(Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: How can you raise it here? You can have a Calling Attention or a 377.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Again, the Prime Minister's Secretariat is working like it was doing at the time of Shrimati Indira Gandhi. It is working like a super-Cabinet. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: That is not a matter we can take up now.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour); Are you going to allow a Calling Attention?

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA: The flood situation was discussed here; but it was not completed. We did not get any reply from the Minister. Kindly fix up a date.

MR. SPEAKER: Only when it is included in the List of Business.

SHPI S. NANJESHA GOWDA (Hassan): What happened to my Calling Attention regarding distress prices of agricultural products in the country?

MR. SPEAKER: I have considered it; it will come up. Now item 7.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH (Nandyal): I gave notice of a motion of privilege against the editor and publisher of Illustrated Weekly of India.

MR. SPEAKER: You want to make a statement. It is already under consideration. have already informed.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: Your Secretariat said that by the week-end you would gave a decision.

MR. SPEAKER: I have already ordered that unless he offers an unconditional apology, I will refer it to the Privileges Committee.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN (Madurat): What about my notice under 377?

MR. SPEARER: None was selected because of the other debate

12.10 hrs

RE: FOSTING OF POLICEMEN OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCES OF SOME MEMBERS

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN: (Satara): I have got one point. The Prime Minister is here; he should know. It is about one of the Members of my party; and he has written a note of dissent to the report of the Privileges Committee. Policemen have been posted. (Interruptions) I do not know why. It is about Dr. Seyici Muhammad.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East): Police has been posted outside my house also. It is meant as a protection against goondas.

MR. SPEAKER: I have got a letter from Mr. Shankaranand. I got it at 10.30 A.M. Immediately I have called for an urgent report from the Home Minister.

SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVA This is a very serious matter.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki): I am thankful to you that you have called for information. Why does it so happen that policemen have been posted at the houses of those Members who have given dissenting note, Shri Shankaranand, Dr. Seyid Muhammad and Shri Hitendra Desai? I do not know why, when the House is discussing this matter should this be done?

(Interruptions)

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN: Are they criminals or are they going to get away? Don't they have a right to give a dissenting note?...(Interruptions)