12.13 hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
TWENTY-SIXTH AND THIRTIETH REPORTS

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV (Azamgarh): I beg to present the following Reports (English and Hindi versions) of the Public Accounts Committee:—

- (1) Twenty-Sixth Report on Assessment of Foreign Technicians relating to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue).
- (2) Thirtieth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Thirty-fourth Report (Sixth Lok Sabha) on Indian Council of Agricultural Research relating to the Ministry of Agriculture.

12.14 hrs.

PETITION RE: IMPROVEMENT IN THE NAVIGABILITY OF THE HALDIA AND CALCUTTA PORTS AND SETTLEMENT OF DEMANDS OF TRADE UNIONS

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur): I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Sukumar Bose and others regarding improvement in the navigability of the Haldia and Calcutta Ports and settlement of demands of trade unions.

12.14 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TENTH REPORT

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 17th December, 1980."

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East): I beg to move:

"That the House on consideration of the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on 17th December, 1980 referred back to the Business Advisory Committee for its failure to consider the outstanding issues of public importance for discussion in the House."

Sir, the reason why I moved this amendment is that I understand that the House has limited time and, therefore, it cannot discuss everything. But the House has a responsibility to discuss all the priority items in the agenda and there are certain priority items on which this House is systematically avoiding discussion. That is why I have given an amendment saying that this report should be sent back to the Business Advisory Committee. For example, every day, in the newspapers we see reports of the threat of war for this country. Now, all of us are concerned about that. One learnt that from the newspapers today. For example, there is a big item in today's newspapers, the UNI report, saying that Pakistan is getting arms and it is getting new bases and Mrs. Gandhi told the Consultative Committee on Defence on 16th, that the Pakistani Government, because it is having a great deal of internal problems, may seek an opportunity of diverting the attention of the people of Pakistan by having a war and India is always there. This is what she said. These are very serious matters. Why should we learn about this from the newspapers? asked correspondents, the news where they get these news items from. They said that these are leak. ed out to them by the Government. Therefore, in my opinion, this question should have got priority attention from Parliament.