

and English versions) of the Estimates Committee on the Ministry of Railways-Production Units and Minutes of the sittings at the Committee relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

Sixtieth Report

SHRI MADHUSUDAN VIRALE (KOLA) : Sir, I beg to present the Sixtieth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Public Undertakings on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Eighteenth Report of Khatri Copper Complex of Hindustan Copper Limited.

COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

Thirty-First Report

SHRI A.C.DAS (JAJPUR): I beg to present the Thirty-first Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Home Affairs - Socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Eleventh Report

SHRI P.V.G. RAJU (BOBBILI) : I beg to Present the Eleventh Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House.

12.15 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Financial Assistance for development of Sanskrit.

SHRI UMA KANT MISHRA (MIRZAPUR) : Realising the greatness of Sanskrit language, a directive had been given by the epoch making first Prime Minister of our

country late Pandit Nehru, that the teaching of and study of Sanskrit should be done in the whole country. In accordance with that, Sanskrit language was a main subject which was taught as well as studied in all the Sanskrit institutions-primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities. Great men and political leaders like Dr. Sampurnanand and others had made great efforts for the propagation of Sanskrit language and many Sanskrit Universities were established. Sanskrit is not merely a language, but it is Divine Voice. It is also a treasure-house for different types of knowledge which exist in the world. It is also the base for our national unity. It contains high human ideals. The greatness of man over other human beings has been expressed only in this language by the great Manu, viz, there is nothing also greater than man. The goal of all religions is only one. It is only in this language that Maharshi Vakradanta has said. "On account of differences in tastes, people follow many straight as well as crooked paths. So far as men are concerned, there is only one goal just as ocean is the goal for all waters. In other words, God is one. Truth is one; men reach it by various paths." Further, the Truth is only one and the sages speak of it in many ways. The highest ideal of the unity of this world as one family has also been enshrined in Sanskrit language. For example, it contains the whole world is a family for those who are broadminded. It is in the Sanskrit language that several great works have been written whose usefulness is felt even today; for example, medicine, astronomy, mathematics etc. As for spiritual science, its primacy is emphasised only in Sanskrit language. In the material world of today, many western scholars consider that it is only Indian spirituality which will be able

to preserve human existence. In the light of facts stated above, it is necessary that Sanskrit should be taught in the whole country and the world. At present there is some difference indifference towards Sanskrit. On the 8th April, our Prime Minister had accepted the greatness of Sanskrit language at the time of Convocation of Banaras Sanskrit University when she was also awarded the Degree of Vachaspathi. Therefore, I would like to request the Central Government that more monetary provision should be made for the study and teaching of Sanskrit and for the spread and propagation of Sanskrit besides encouraging research therein. Further, preference should be given in the Services for those who know Sanskrit.

श्री सत्य नारायण जटिया (उज्जैन) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो संस्कृत में वक्तव्य दिया है उसके लिये मैं उनका अभिनन्दन करता हूँ।

(ii) Need to Sanction nuclear and Super Thermal power Stations for Karnataka.

SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES (UDIPI) : Due to rapid industrialisation in Karnataka, the present position of the electricity generated in the State is quite inadequate. It is not only very badly affecting the industries in the State, but also agriculture as well. This has upset the economy of the entire State. The State generated power only through hydro-electric projects. The failure of monsoon always leads to fall in water level resulting in lower generation. This problem has assumed serious proportions in recent years and is likely to end in a crisis in industry, agriculture and economy.

Though the State is facing such a severe crisis in the matter of power generation, it is quite unfortunate that the Centre has not yet sanctioned either a nuclear power installation or a super thermal power station. While sanctioning three such nuclear and super thermal power stations in the neighbouring States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the Centre has completely ignored the interest of karna-

taka. Though the Karnataka Government has entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh for the supply of 100 M. V. of power, it is hardly sufficient to tide over the crisis. So, for the all round progress of the State it is very much necessary that nuclear power station and also one super thermal power station of the capacity of 1000 M. V. should be sanctioned to Karnataka and one of them be located at Mangalore.

In view of the acute power crisis in the State, I request the Hon. Minister for Energy to sanction one nuclear power station and one super thermal power station to Karnataka immediately.

12.18 hrs.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

(iii) Demand for Opening an Office of S. E. Railway Public Service Commission at Cuttack.

SHRI A. C. DAS (JAJPUR) : In Orissa, there is predominance of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Class youths appearing for competitive examinations being conducted by South Eastern Railway Public Service Commission, the headquarters of which is located at Calcutta. The examination centre of the S. E. Railway Public Service Commission is opened at Cuttack. But, for interview the successful candidates have to go to Calcutta. Most of the candidates called for the interview are from economically weaker sections. Due to paucity of funds they fail to reach Calcutta for the interview.

The Government of Orissa has been emphasising the need for opening an office of the S. E. Railways Public Service Commission in Cuttack, Orissa. But it has not been opened so far. Unless immediate steps are taken to open an office in Cuttack, the youths particularly belonging to S. C. and S. T. and other weaker sections will continue to suffer. The location of an office in Cuttack will provide a great relief to the SC/ST candidates. If the office is opened at Cuttack that will look after the entire recruitment work for the youths of Orissa.