Lanka crisis, the Prime Minister should come and make a statement on this matter in the House. This is our request to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I have already said that I will convey the suggestion made.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: The Minister of External Affairs is sitting here. Why can't he stand up and say something about it?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): Sir, the essence of all this is that the hon. Members want a statement to be made before we adjourn for the week-end. This we shall convey to the Prime Minister. The talks are going on. I have already submitted to the House that from time to time I shall be informing the House or the Prime Minister would be informing the House. But the choice of that moment will have to be left to her. They have made a request and that request will be conveyed.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: We had to shout for this. In this way, I think, those who shout will suffer from cancer of throat and those who listen will suffer from cancer of ear.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : फिर मेरा क्या हाल होगा ?

डा० सुब्रह्मणयम स्वामी : आपको दोनों होंगे। "" (व्यवधान)

श्री सत्यनारायण जिट्या (उज्जैन) ः बेरोजगारी की समस्या को लेकर आज यहां पर प्रदर्शन हो रहा है ..... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Irrelevant; not allowed.

12.25 hrs.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1983-84

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAU-DHURI): Sir, I beg to present a statement (Hindi and English versions) showing Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1983-84).

12.26 hrs.

## CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Reported proposal of the US Government to supply sophisticated Harpoon missiles and Vulcan air defence system to Pakistan

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur): Sir. I call the attention of the Minister of External Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The situation arising out of the reported proposal of the U.S. Government to supply the sophisticated Harpoon missiles and Vulean air defence system to Pakistan and the action taken by Government in regard thereto."

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): Mr. Speaker Sir, on 27th July 1983, the Ministry of External Affairs conveyed the Government of India's strong concern about the supply of Harpoon missiles to the US Government through their Embassy in New Delhi. The Indian Ambassador in