

[Shri Niren Ghosh]

ment take decisions on their appointment and extension of their terms. Varying criteria seem to have been adopted in deciding on the extension of the terms of four bank Chairmen. The tenure of the Chairmen of the Punjab National Bank, United Bank of India, Bank of India and the Union Bank were due to expire at various points of time in 1980. All the terms were extended but by different periods. The terms of the Chairmen of the Punjab National Bank and United Bank were extended till they reached the age of 60—criteria generally acceptable to the Finance Ministry. But the term of the Union Bank Chairman was extended in mid-1980 till the end of year although he was 60 years of age. The term of the Bank of India's Chairman was extended only by a month till November, 1980, although he was to attain the age of 60 early in 1981. This was considered highly disturbing, not only because no permanent appointment replacing him was made, but also because he was asked to hand over charge before December, 1980—the crucial month for commercial banks. It is only in the last week of the year that large allowances are made and deposit and assets reshuffled in the account books etc. What is most surprising is that Reserve Bank which is supposed to recommend and supervise all important appointments in commercial banks has reportedly not been consulted in this matter.

I maintain that it is an extremely serious state of affairs. I, therefore, demand that a full statement be made by the Finance Minister before the House about the appointment and extensions of terms of different bank chiefs and how they were made on the basis of whose recommendations.

(vii) RAPE OF TWO ADIVASI GIRLS IN BHABRA VILLAGE OF JHABUA DISTRICT, MADHYA PRADESH

श्री सत्य नारायण बाडिया (उज्जैन): देश की मायावी के लिए अपने प्राणों की आहुति देने वाले अमर सहस्र चन्द्रशेखर मायावी की जन्म स्थली भावरा, जिला भद्रवा, मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी कन्या आश्रम की दो युवा कन्याओं के साथ अज्ञात व्यक्तियों ने बलात्कार कर दोनों को बेहोशी की हालत में एक कुएं में फेंक दिया। इन में से एक बालिका की मृत्यु हो गई जबकि दूसरी को गम्भीर अवस्था में जलौराजपुर के अस्पताल में भर्ती किया गया है। घटना क्रम में चार मार्च की सुबह 16-17 वर्ष की उक्त दोनों कन्याएँ प्रातः विधि के लिए आश्रम से बाहर आईं तो किन्हीं अज्ञात व्यक्तियों ने उन्हें पकड़ लिया और जंगल में ले जा कर उनके साथ निर्भय बलात्कार किया जिससे वे अचेत हो गईं। बलात्कारियों ने उन्हें मृत समझ कर वहाँ से दो किलोमीटर दूर वलभर गांव के कुएं में फेंक दिया। सुबह जब बालिकाएँ आश्रम में नहीं मिलीं तो उनकी खोज आरम्भ की गई। छात्रावास की व्यवस्थापिका अवकाश पर थीं। आश्रम के कार्यभारी व बालक छात्रावास के व्यवस्थापक ने घटना की रिपोर्ट थाने में दर्ज कराई। उस कुएं पर जब एक आदिवासी पानी भरने गया तो कुएं में से बालिका की आवाज आई। उस ने उस बालिका को पानी में से निकाला किन्तु कानून के डर से वह उसे वहीं छोड़ कर भाग गया। गश्त से लौटते पुलिस जवानों की नजर अचेत बालिका पर पड़ी। वे उसे थाने लाए। उस ने बताया कि उनके साथ तीन लोगों ने कई बार बलात्कार किया और कुएं में फेंक दिया। दूसरी बालिका अब भी कुएं में है। एक सिपाही ने मृत बालिका की लाश को कुएं में से निकाला। डाक्टर ने लाश का पोस्ट मार्टम किया। पहली बालिका का भी डाक्टरों की परीक्षण किया गया और उसके साथ बलात्कार होना पाया गया। इस घटना से सारे गांव में सन्नाटा छा गया। नागरिकों ने प्रदर्शन कर घटना की तुरन्त जांच की मांग की है। मृतक बालिका शासकीय आजाद उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय भावरा में कक्षा 11वीं की हॉनहार छात्रा थी तथा छान संघ की अध्यक्ष थी।

मेरा गृह मंत्री जी से वाग्रह है कि उक्त-घटना की समूची जांच कराई जाए और

बोषणों को गिरफ्तार किया जाए तथा न्यायिक कार्यवाही की जाए। इसके साथ साथ उत्पीड़ितों के बहिस्तावकों को योग्य सहायता दी जाए।

13.23 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET, 1981-82—GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, we take up further general discussion on the General Budget.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA (Bombay North): Mr. Deputy-Speaker it is always interesting and educative to listen to my hon. friend, the Rt. Hon. Finance Minister.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (Dum Dum): Where is he? He seems to be conspicuous by his absence from Lok Sabha.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGHANBHAI BAROT): I am here.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA: He is an artist, a seasoned artist. He has won the reputation of being somewhat of a magician. Unlike some of his other colleagues—I do not propose to name them, since I do not want to offend them—he is neither boisterous nor bumptious. He does not proceed waving his scalpel in the air, looking for scalps, with a war dance as some other hon. colleagues of his often do. He has a coy, cherubic, misleading reassuring smile. He puts on his surgeon's robe and enters the operation theatre, and tries to put the mind of the patient at ease

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You should have been his very close friend because you have understood him.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA: I am a very close friend of his, Sir. I continue

to be one. I have known him for more than 30 years. You may ask me whether I have been victim of his confidence tricks. I have always taken care to see that I am not.

He puts on his surgeon's robe and tries to assuage the feelings of the patient and wins his confidence. Then he proceeds to administer a heavy dose of anaesthesia, and then goes on to cut up the patient. He has followed the practice in this case as well.

He announced that he was going to move from crisis management to growth. He chose the year 1979-80 as the basis for his comparisons. Being the intelligent person that he is, he knew that he had to choose the most vulnerable year so that he may shine by contrast and therefore, he chose 1979-80, and he said that there were many achievements to the credit of the Government. He talked of the infrastructure, improvement in the infrastructure, of agricultural production, of the rate of growth, but he fumbled on inflation and then he remembered that there were strategems that he could make use of. So, instead of using the average of the consumer price index for comparisons as is done every year, year after year, he decided to switch to a point to point comparison and even so, he could not hide the fact that as far as inflation was concerned, he had not been able to acquire control over the forces and pressures of inflation. If, on the other hand, the hon. Finance Minister had chosen to compare the situation with earlier years like 1978-79, he would have had to admit that the agricultural production had gone up only by 0.5 per cent, industrial production only 2.5 per cent the GNP in real terms had gone up only by 1.7 per cent, and with the increasing population, this would have meant, this has meant in fact, that per capita income has suffered a fall of 2.2 per cent.

I do not want to take the time of the House and regale figures about what