

12.06 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

OIL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT
FUND) RULES 1978

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): I beg
to lay on the Table a copy of the Oil
Industry Development Board (Em-
ployees' Contributory Provident Fund)
Rules, 1978 (Hindi and English ver-
sions) published in Notification No.
G.S.R. 512(E) in Gazette of India
dated the 28th October, 1978 under
sub-section (3) of section 31 of the
Oil Industry (Development) Act,
1974. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-
2876/78].

INTIMATION RE: RELEASE OF
SHRI VISHVESHWAR RAO RAJE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform
the House that I have received the
following wireless message dated the
27th November, 1978, from the Police
Inspector, Police Station Lakadganj,
Nagpur:—

"Regarding the arrest of Shri
Vishveshvar Rao Raja, MP. He is
released today, i.e., 27-11-78 at
16.15 hours."

SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO
(Karimnagar): What about Mr.
Sathe?

MR. SPEAKER: I have not got any
message. If it is so, I will take action.
Call attention.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED CYCLONIC STORM IN GUJARAT,
TAMIL NADU AND OTHER PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK
(Sonepat): Sir, I call the attention
of the hon. Minister of Agriculture

and Irrigation to the following matter
of urgent public importance and I
request that he may make a statement
thereon:—

"Reported cyclonic storm in
Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and other parts
of the country resulting in heavy
loss of life and property."

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-
TURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI
SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): At
8.30 A.M. on the 23rd November, 1978,
a cyclonic storm was reported to be at
a distance of 150 to 200 kms. East of
Trincomalee on the Western coast of
Sri Lanka. The storm was proceeding
towards Sri Lanka and it was appre-
hended that it might cross over to the
Southern coast of Tamil Nadu also.
On the afternoon of the 23rd Novem-
ber, 1978, the India Meteorological
Department issued a warning that a
storm surge was likely to build up
upto 5 metres by mid-day or after-
noon, on the 24th November, 1978
over the South Tamil Nadu coast. A
telex message was immediately sent
by the Additional Secretary in the
Department of Agriculture to the Chief
Secretary and Revenue Secretary,
Tamil Nadu requesting that all possi-
ble measures to save life and property
should be taken. The Revenue Secre-
tary, Tamil Nadu was also contacted
on the phone at 8.30 P.M. on 23-11-1978
and was warned by the Additional
Secretary about the storm and the
warning of the India Meteorological
Department was communicated to him.
He indicated that the State Govern-
ment was seized of the cyclonic storm
and has been taking all possible
measures for the safety of life and
property in the coastal areas.

According to the information receiv-
ed from the State Government on the
phone, the cyclone which struck Sri
Lanka crossed the Gulf of Manaar and
struck the Tamil Nadu coast between
Tuticorin and Pamban on the 24th
November at 6 P.M. Pamban bridge
and road are intact but the jetty put