

13.16 hrs.

**HINDUSTAN TRACTORS LIMITED
(ACQUISITION AND TRANSFER
OF UNDERTAKINGS) BILL***

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the acquisition and transfer of the undertakings of Hindustan Tractors Limited, Vishwamitri, Vadodara, for the purpose of ensuring the continuity of production of goods which are vital to meet the needs of the general public and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the acquisition and transfer of the undertakings of Hindustan Tractors Limited, Vishwamitri, Vadodara, for the purpose of ensuring the continuity of production of goods which are vital to meet the needs of the general public and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto" The motion was adopted.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I introduce † the Bill.

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RAILWAY BUDGET, 1978-79—GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd

MR. SPEAKER: Now, we take up further general discussion on the Railway Budget for 1978-79. Shri Govinda Munda may continue his speech.

SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA (Keonjhar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in comparison to my neighbouring States, West Bengal, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, according to the Indian Railway's Report 1976-77, it is found that my State of Orissa as well as my constituency is very very backward and poor but rich in minerals

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[Dr. Sushila Nayar in the Chair]

SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA: You will see that due to lack of rail communication, we are facing too much difficulty in exporting our minerals from Keonjhar district. Keonjhar district is an Adivasi area with full of minerals like iron ore, manganese, bauxite and other minerals in and around Banspani and Jakhapura area. Due to lack of rail communications, we have to export iron-ore via Rajkot and Kharagpur to Paradip. For this, we have to spend an additional amount of Rs. 15/- per tonne. We have been demanding for the completion of the Jakhapura-Banspani railway line for the last 10 years. The hon. Minister, Mr. Dandavate, said that the Jakhapura-Banspani railway line is already completed. That is I would request the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, to kindly look into the matter again seriously.

SHRI B. P. MANDAL (Madhepura): On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member has used the word "false". That is unparliamentary. That word should be substituted by the word "wrong".

SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA: It is wrong; I correct it.

Keonjhar has a lot of mineral wealth and it is famous for exporting a large quantity of iron ore and bauxite. The people from Keonjhar district, specially the Adivasis, have not yet seen a train, what to speak of the railway line. Though it is now thirty years since we achieved Independence, it is very surprising for us that this is the condition there. The annual royalty from Keonjhar district from minerals is Rs. 180 crores. The Government are getting a royalty of Rs. 1.80 crores. But I am sorry to say that after such a long time even

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