

12.35 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORT OF REVIEW COMMITTEE ON
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
(JANUARY, 1977)

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Report (Hindi version*) of the Review Committee on the University Grants Commission (January, 1977). [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2057/78].

DETAILED DEMANDS FOR GRANTS OF
MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR 1978-79

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of Ministry of Labour for 1978-79. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2058/78].

ANNUAL REPORT AND CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS OF KENDRIYA HINDI SHIKSHA MANDAL, AGRA FOR 1976-77 AND STATEMENTS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATA-KI): I beg to lay on the Table:—

(1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra, for the year 1976-77 together with certified Accounts.

(2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining that Government are in agreement with above Report and therefore no separate Review on the working of the Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Agra is being laid.

(3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons

for delay in laying the documents mentioned at (1), and (2) above.

[Placed in Library. See No. 2059/78].

NOTIFICATION UNDER URBAN LAND
(CEILING AND REGULATION) ACT.

निर्माण और आवास तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास संभाल में राज्य संत्री (श्री राम किशोर) : मैं नगरीय भूमि (अधिकतम सीमा तथा विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1976 की धारा 46 की उपधारा (3) के अन्तर्गत नगरीय भूमि (अधिकतम सीमा तथा विनियमन) (दूसरा संशोधन) नियम, 1978 (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति जो दिनांक 25 मार्च, 1978 के भारत के राजपत्र में अधिसूचना संख्या सा०सा० नि० 417 में प्रकाशित हुए थे तथा एक व्याख्यात्मक ज्ञापन सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ।

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2060/78].

NOTIFICATION UNDER RICE MILLING
INDUSTRY (REGULATION) ACT.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Rice-Milling Industry (Regulation and Licensing) Amendment Rules, 1978, (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 408 in Gazette of India dated the 25th March, 1978, under sub-section (4) of section 22 of the Rice-Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2061/78].

MR. SPEAKER: On item No. 8 Mr. Bosu, you have an objection.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): Sir, I would request the House to consider a debate. I have come to know this much that an

*English versions of the Report was laid on the Table on the 18th July, 1977.

[Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu]

authentic document in the hand written form of Dr. Gopal's letter is already in possession of the Ministry. Therefore, the responsibility has to be fixed. For this purpose, a debate is necessary on the floor of the House on how the Minister reacts to it.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North-East): There is a Short Notice Question. The Minister has agreed to take it up. I have also given a notice on it and I hope that would be given due consideration by you.

MR. SPEAKER: All notices will be given due consideration.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Dr. Gopal's letter is in their possession.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Bosu you have already given your suggestion. Now Dr. Chunder.

12.42 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. INDEPENDENCE SILVER JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE AT RED FORT, DELHI

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): Sir, I lay on the Table of the House, the Report of the Committee of Members of Parliament, under whose supervision and guidance, the Independence Silver Jubilee Time Capsule at Red Fort was retrieved and the contents thereof taken out. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2062/78]. The Report mentions in detail how the work was done and what contents were found in the Capsule. Together with the Report, I also place on the Table of the House a copy of the 10,000-word account of the history of India from 1947 to 1972 which bears the title "India since 1947", written both in English as well as in Hindi, and a copy of some informations on copper plates containing what has

been called "Calendar of Events: 1947—1972". [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2062/78]. On these copper plates, there are also engraved pictures which illustrate some of the events. The contents of the Time Capsule have been placed in the Parliament House Library so that Hon'ble Members, who may like to see them, may be able to do so. The contents will be exhibited today upto 7-00 P.M. and tomorrow from 11-00 A.M. to 7-00 P.M. I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Chairman and members of the Committee for supervising the retrieval operation and also for their Report. Theirs was an arduous and onerous responsibility, which they have discharged exceedingly well, considering the complicated nature of their work.

Sir, I have no pretensions to being a historian, but as a humble student of history I cannot help reacting to the contents, both of the narrative purporting to be a historical account and of the calendar of events. In my opinion, the narrative is an account of some sort but cannot be termed a historical document. It is something like a scrappy, inaccurate administrative report devoid of a historical perspective, a perspective which would signify interaction between events and human agencies woven together in a form that partakes the character of an analytical narrative. By way of background, there is only one sentence which makes mention of India's struggle for freedom by saying that "it was led since 1920 by Mahatma Gandhi who believed in non-violence". There being no other mention about the freedom struggle, which is a serious omission; the impression is likely to be that the struggle commenced only in 1920. Apart from this one instance where the name of the father of the Nation is mentioned, he does not find a place anywhere else. His philosophy and his teachings, which permeated our national life and his ideals which we strive to follow even today and which is of universal appeal, finds no place