

(3) Two Hundred and Fifteenth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee contained in their Hundred and Sixty-ninth Report on Outstanding Audit observations and Inspection Reports.

12.06 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

HUNDRETH REPORT AND MINUTES

(SHRI TULSIDAS DASAPPA (Mysore): I beg to present the following Report and Minutes of the Estimates Committee:—

- (1) Hundredth Report of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Department of Tourism)—Tourism
- (2) Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating to the above Report

12.07 hrs

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

EIGHTY-SECOND AND EIGHTY-FOURTH REPORTS

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA (Dausa): I beg to present the following Reports of the Committee on Public Undertakings:—

- (1) Eighty-second Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Sixty-eighth Report on Cotton Corporation of India Limited.
- (2) Eighty-fourth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Sixty-fourth Report on Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited.

12.08 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 1976-77— Contd.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING—Contd.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now take up further discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The time allotted is 6 hours out of which 4 hours and 20 minutes have already been taken 1 hour and 40 minutes remain. How much time does the minister require for his reply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): About 40 minutes

MR. SPEAKER: He can start at 1 o'clock Shri Gomango who was on his legs may continue.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO (Koraput): Sir, regarding the role of the press in the rural areas, I would like to refer to the papers published in Orissa. The number of daily papers published in my State is only seven and other papers including weeklies, fortnightlies, etc. come to 252. The only medium to propagate the plan, policies and programmes of the government is the radio in the rural areas. So, the publicity department in the States should be strengthened. The ministry at the Centre has done a tremendous amount of publicity throughout the country, but the language used is English and Hindi. So, it is necessary for the State Governments to translate all this literature into the regional languages.

The only medium for the illiterate masses is the radio. But the community radio sets supplied by the different departments are now in a broken condition. The ministry should give directions to the States to repair them and provide new radio sets also