12.23 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SECOND REPORT

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):
Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 9th June, 1971."

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA (Patan): When I raised a question regarding the appointment of the Committee for the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, you were pleased to say, Mr. Speaker, that it is a question of time and it is bound to come. I would like to know from the Government when they are coming with the motion for the appointment of the Committee on the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. And, secondly, I want to know about the re-introduction of the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: This is not part of the Business Advisory Committee.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: It should have come immediately after the Motion regarding the appointment of the Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee and Public Undertakings Committee. This is a most important Committee for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister can reply to him later; this does not arise out of the present Motion. These are two separate things. Now, the question is:

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 9th June, 1971."

The motion was adopted.

12.24 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET, 1971-72—GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now take up further discussion on the General Budget. Shri Satish Chandra was on his legs.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA (Bareilly): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have come back to this House after a long gap of nine years. I had the privilege to be here for a decade and a half. I find that there are now quite a number of new faces, new traditions and a new type of atmosphere. I am still trying to acclimatize myself to the new environments.

I have been listening patiently speeches delivered from the Opposition side including some by my crstwhile colleagues and have found a striking similarity in those speeches either from my friend Shri Indraiit Gupta or Shri Shyanmandan Mishra or for that matter from Shri Atal Bihari Vaipavee or Shri H. M. Patel. All of them want to have faster rate of economic growth and appear to be anxious that we move forward in a rapid way: they are, however, opposed to all fresh taxation proposals of the Finance Minister. The pattern of speeches made by opposition leaders lead me to think that instead of taking any lessons from what had happened during the past few months including the verdict of the electorate, they are still trying to make political capital out of a difficult situation.

The Finance Minister has to perform a difficult task. It is a difficult task anywhere and at any time, more so in a country like our, which is poverty-stricken, is trying to build up its economy after a long period of alien rule and has not been able to shake off completely its feudal outlook and traditions, social prejudices, superstitions and ignorance.

In a developing country, the task of a Finance Minister becomes doubtly difficult. He has to make extra effort to mobilise resources with a view to usher an era of development, progress and prosperity. Instead of extending sympathy to the Finance