

MR. SPEAKER: Now, let the hon. Member sit down.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: I am sitting down, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to ask him to sit down, because he is not sitting down himself.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: You do not want me to come back elected next time, it seems....

MR. SPEAKER: He will be; but my experience is that those Members who spoke the most and put all the questions were not returned.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Because of the official machinery and the silver working

MR. SPEAKER The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR: I introduce the Bill.

STATEMENT RE. PAYMENT OF BONUS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): On behalf of my colleague, Shri Balgovind Verma, I lay on the Table and explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Ordinance, 1972, as required under rule 71(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

13.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till fifteen minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunch at twenty minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER—in the Chair]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Before we resume discussion on the items on the agenda, the Minister of External Affairs wants to make an important statement.

STATEMENT RE. RELEASE OF INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR BY PAKISTAN CAPTURED ON WESTERN FRONT

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): According to a broadcast of Radio Pakistan the Government of Pakistan are reported to have decided to release 617 Indian prisoners of war. These prisoners of war were captured on the western front. Government of India have not received any official communication on this subject. It will be recalled that during the Simla Conference the Government of India had offered to release all the Pakistani prisoners of war numbering 540 who had been captured on the western front, but the Government of Pakistan at that time did not show any interest in this offer. The Government of India reiterate their offer to release all those Pakistani prisoners of war who were captured on the western front.

14.21 hrs.

RE. SWEEPERS STRIKE IN DELHI

श्री कानि मुखर्जी (दक्षिण दिल्ली): जपाध्यक्ष महोदय, दिल्ली हिन्दुस्तान की राजधानी है, एक महीने से यहाँ पर स्वीपर्स स्ट्राइक चल रही है, शहर बिल्कुल बन्धा हो रहा है, बाहर से लाखों घायली, रोख फेयर देखने के लिए आ रहे हैं लेकिन कापरेशन इस मामले को तय नहीं कर सका है। मैं हीम मिनिस्टर से दरबन्ति करूँगा कि यह स्ट्राइक खत्म कराई जाये और सुनासिब हो तो कापरेशन को तोड़ दें क्योंकि वह बिल्कुल कामियाब नहीं हो रहा है।

श्री बीरेन्द्र सिंह राय (महेन्द्रगढ़): जो दिन से बिजली भी नहीं है एन सी एन सी एरिया में उसपर भी ऐकशन लेना चाहिए।