12.00 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Reported preparations by Election Commission for mid-term Parliamentary Elections

श्वी शिव चन्द्र भग (मधुवना): मैं ग्रविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के निम्नलिखित विषय की ग्रोर विधि तथा समाज कल्याएग मन्त्री का ध्यान दिलाता हूँ ग्रीर प्रार्थना करता है कि वह इस बारे में एक वक्तव्य दें:

''निर्वाचन ग्रायोग द्वारा बार-बार की गई ग्राविघोषरगायें श्रीर देश के मध्यावधि संसदीय चुनावों के लिए जल्दी में की जा रही तैयारियां :''

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : Mr. Speaker Sir, Under Article 324 of the Constitution. the Election Commission is vested with the superintendence, direction and control of, inter alia, the preparation of electoral rolls. It is, therefore, the constitutional obligation of the Election Commission to keep the ejectoral rolls ready at any point of time. Section 21 (2) (b) of the R. P. Act, 1950 provides for the revision of electoral rolls in any year, if so directed by the Election Commission.

With a view to meet the criticism of the electoral process being tardy and time consuming, a meeting of the Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and Union territories was held on the 5th November, 1969, and a decision was taken to revise the electoral rolls throughout the country within a period of two months and a programme was chalked out and finalised. The work of revision is now going on in full swing in all the States and Union territories. In chalking out its programme the Election Commission has not done anything more than what was thought necessary in the discharge of its constitutional and legal obligations and functions. The allegation that there have been frequent pronouncements and hasty preparation for mid-term parliamentary elections is not well-founded. If the Election Commission takes a long time in the revision of electoral rolls, as has been the practice hitherto, it is accused and criticized of tardy electoral process and undue delay. The Election Commission, therefore, is trying to make a new experiment for expeditious revision of the rolls. The Chief Election Commissioner has emphasised that the revision is not going to be a hasty one. Adequate steps are being taken to put efficient staff on the work throughout the country.

Shortly after the conclusion of the Chief Electoral Officers' Conference on the 5th November, 1969, a press note was issued by the Election Commission in which it was specifically mentioned that "the question of quick revision of electoral rolls and keeping the election machinery in good gear should not be related to any event or a situation."

भी शिव चन्द्र भाः ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय ग्रापने भी पढा होगा. हमने भी पढा है मैं झखबारों को पढकर उद्धरएग नहीं देना चाहना- कि बार बार एलेक्शन कमीशन की तरफ से स्टेटमेंट. . वक्तःय मा रहे हैं कि इस देश में शार्ट नोटिस पर लोक सभा के लिए ग्राम चुनाव कराये जायेंगे (व्यवधान).... एलेक्शन कमीशन के इन वक्तव्यों से देश में एक पैनिक फैन रहा है. एक ग्रात क फैल रहा है। जबकि ग्राभी संसद मौजद है तब इस प्रकार की कल्पना करके कि वह भंग हो रही है, सारे देश में एक अध्तंक फैलाया जा रहा है । इसरी बात यह है कि जो कानन मन्त्री हैं उनके जो पुराने वक्तब्य हैं वह इस मदन को गुमराह करने के लिए है — यह कैसे. म्राप जरा सनें । यहां पर यें कहते हैं कि एलेक्टोरल रोल्स रिवाइज करने में समय लगता है ग्रीर श्रव तक जो सूस्ती हई है भीर जिसके मुताल्लिक ग्रालोचन हो 1 है, वह मालोचनान हो इसलिए एलेक्शन कमीशन अपना काम कर रहा है। मैं मध्त्री महोदय से आननाचाहता है कि सनू 967 में जो श्राम चूनाव हए तब से ग्राव तक एलेक्टोरल रोल्स का काम नहीं हो सका ग्रौर भभी 5 नवम्बर को जो एलेक्शन कमीशन का बैठक हुई उसने यह म्रादेश दिया गया है कि दो महीने में तमाम रिवीजन हो जाये प्रौर माम चुनाव के लिए तमाम तैयारियां हो जाय तो पिछले दाई

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माल में एलेक्शन कमीशन ने यह रिवीजन का काम क्यों नहीं किया ग्रीर उसके लिए ग्रापने कौन से ग्रादेश दिये हैं ? या जैसा कि ग्राप खुद कहते हैं कि जग्तर मन्तर कांग्रेस मे जितने काम हुए हैं वे इल्लीगल हैं इनलिए क्या हम यह समर्भे कि सिडीकेट वाले जोकि डिफेक्टर्स हैं उनके एलेक्शन्स को वायड करके उनकी जगह पर दूसरे नये एलेक्शन्स कराये जायेगे ?...(व्यवधान)...

मैं साफ शब्दों में दो बातें जानना चाहता हैं। एक तो यह कि पिछले ढ़ाई सालों में कौन साकाम किया गया ग्रीर दूसरे, क्या सिन्डीकेट के मेम्बरों के एलेक्शन को वायड करके उनकी जगह पर दूसरे नये एलेक्शन्स किये आयेगे?

SHRI B. P. MANDAL rose-

MR. SPEAKER : This is a calling attention motion in the names of two hon. members. The hon. member' is not one of them.

SHRI B. P. MANDAL (Madhapur) : 1 rise to a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : No.

I may add that a number of members have enquired from me also about this. If this is a normal routine whereby every year the voters' lists are revised, it is one thing. But every time a statement comes that the Election Commissioner is ready to hold electlons within one month and so on; again in the next week another statement comes that preparations to hold elections are complete. Will the hon. Minister make it clear whether this is just a routine revision of the rolls or it is proposed to hold elections earlier so that we shall also get ready for it ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH (Buxar): One thing more. Let them dissolve Parliament and also dissolve the Government and let them go to the electorate; let us all go to the electorate to decide.

MR. SPEAKER : I have asked him to clarify whether this is a normal routine revision as has been done in previous years

or some instructions have gone out so that members may get ready for the coming events. It might concern him also.

SHRI GOVINDA MENON: I want to state categorically that no instruction has been given in this respect and such revision as is going on...

MR. SPEAKER : But it is extraordinary this time.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar) : This is not a routine revision.

SHRI RABI RAY (Puri) : This is not a routine revision.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS rose-

MR. SPEAKER 'As I said, this is a call attention in the names of two members. Only they will ask questions.

श्री शिव चन्द्र भाः इन्होंने साफ नहीं किया कि एलेक्शन कमीशन ने पिछले ढ़ाई साल में यूजुम्रल काम क्या किणा ग्रीर ग्रब जल्द में जल्द दो महीने के ग्रन्दर क्यों करना चाहते है ?...(व्यवधान)...इसका जवाब दें। ग्रब कौन सा ग्रादेग दिया गया है कि दो महीने में काम किया जाये ? क्या हम यह समभ लें कि इन्होंने पहने कुछ नहीं किया इसलिये ग्रब दो महीने में करने जा रहे हैं !...(व्यवधान)...

MR. SPEAKER : There are two Jhas. I was calling the other hon member, Shri Bhogendra Jha.

SHRI KANWARLAL GUPTA : Why have bye-elections been postponed ?

SHRI S. S. KOTHARI (Mandsaur) : There is no justification for postponing byeelections.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE (Mongyr): On a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : The question of postponement of bye-elections does not arise out of this.

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I have told him what the Members have told me when they wanted to know about it from me. I am also unaware ... as any one of them.

भी मधुलिमये: ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, ग्राप के प्रश्न काभी जवाब तहीं मिला है। उन्होनेभी दो बार पूछा हैलेकिन वह इस का जवाब नहीं दे रहे हैं।

SHRI GOVINDA MENON: In the right of the statements repeatedly made I want to state categorically that no instructions have been given in this matter to the Chief Election Commissioner and there is no contemplation of mid-term election.

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Then what is the need for the Election Commission to say that they can hold a mid-term election at short notice.

श्री मधु लिमये : सवाल क्या है भौर जवाब क्या है।

ग्राध्यक्ष महोबय श्री शिवचन्द्र भा।

श्री मधुलिमये: ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय मैं एक प्वाएन्ट ग्रीफ ग्राइंर उठाना चाहता हूँ।श्री शिव चन्द्र फा ने पूछा है कि एलैक्टोरल रोल्स...

श्री मोगेल्द्र का (जयनगर): ग्राध्यक्ष महोदय, ग्राप ने मुक्ते सवाल पूछने का ग्रादेश दिया है ग्रीर मैं ग्राप के ग्रादेश पर ही सवाल पूछने लिये खड़ा हुग्रा हूँ तो फिर इस तरह सं बीच में एक माननीय सदस्य द्वारा ग्राप के ग्रादेश की ग्रवहेलना करना कहां तक उचित होगा ?

MR. SPEAKER : He is on a point of order.

श्री बि० प्र० मंडलः : मेरा भी एक प्वाएंट मौफ मार्डर है।

भ्राध्यक्ष महोदय: माननीय सदस्य बैठें।

भी मधु लिमये : घ्रष्यका महोदय...

श्री मोगेन्द्र आः ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, इस तरह से कैसे चलेगा? क्या सदन में जो एक कायदा <mark>ग्रौ</mark>र व्यवस्था है उये चलन नहीं दिया जाएगा ? मैं पिछले ढाई साल से इस सदन में एक मर्यादाव व्यवस्था के ग्रांदर रखते हुए माचररा करता रहा है लेकिन मुझे आज यह दुःख के साथ कहना पड रहा है कि कुछ सदस्य इस तरह से ग्राध्यक्ष की ग्रावहेनना करने ग्रीर प्रोसीहिंग्ज में बाधा डालना एक अपनी इजारे-दारी समभने हैं। इस से क्या ग्रब यह समभा जाय कि इस सदन में ऐसे सदस्यों को ग्राध्यक्ष की <mark>ग्रव</mark>हेतना करने सामान्य कार्यप**द्वति में** बाधा डालने की इजाजत दी जायगी मौर उन्हें रोका नहीं जायगा ? इस तरह से जो लोग यहाँ एक सदन की प्रतिष्ठा के धनुरूप कायदे के मूताबिक व्यवहार करना चाटने हैं उन के साथ नाइंसाफी करनी होगी क्योंकि इस तरह से उन्हें उनके बोलने के हक से इस तरह से कुछ सदस्यों द्वारा बाधा डाल कर रोका जायगा। दरग्रसल य लोग इनकिलाबी बनने का तोंग रचते हैं हांलाकि इनकिलाबी वह है नदीं. खाली वह प्रखबार में प्रपना नाम छपवाने के लिए <mark>ग्री</mark>र चीप पबलिसिटी हासिल **करने के** लिए उत्सक रहते हैं।

भी मणु लिमये: यह दूसरों के ऊपर इस तरह से बहत वेजा ग्रारोप लगा रहे हैं जोकि कदापि बांछनीय नहीं है।

श्री रवि रायः मध्यक्ष महोदयं नं स्वयं श्री मधुलिमयं को प्वाइंट म्राफ़ म्राइंर उठाने की इजाजत दी है।

भी मधु लिमये : मेरा प्वाइन्ट ग्राफ़ ग्राहंर...

श्री मोगेन्द्र काः ऐसे नहीं चलेगा।

MR. SPEAKER: The usual practice is that when a Member is on a point of order the Member's speech is interrupted, so that the chair can listen to the point of order. In this case Mr. Jha thinks that Mr. Madhu Limaye got up to interrupt him, I do not think so. Let him first put his question.

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SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur): When Mr. Mandal raised a point of order, you did not allow hum.

MR. SPEAKER : He wanted to ask a question. Let Mr. Limaye wait for a second. Let Mr. Jha complete what he wants to say; it is my request to them. It makes no difference. Let him complete h.s question.

भी मघुलिमये : ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं कोई सवाल नहीं पूछ रहा हूँ मैं तो केवल श्री शिव चन्द्र फा के प्रश्न के बारे में प्वाइंट ग्राफ मार्डर उठा रहा है...

श्वी मोगेग्द्र का : ग्राघ्यक्ष महोदय इस तरह से नहीं चलेगा । तीन बार प्राप ने मुफ्रे सवाल पूछने का ग्रादेश दिया लेकिन वह सदस्य इस तरह से बीच में खड़े होकर बाधा उत्पन्न कर रहे हैं । क्या इस सदन में कोई कायदा नहीं चलेगा ? ग्रार ऐसे चलने दिया जाता है तो मैं ग्रापने मतदाता भों से यह कटने के लिए विवश हूँगा कि यहां सदन में कवल वह लोग जो हत्ना करते हैं, उन की बात सुनी जाती है लेकिन जो लोग कायदे के मुताबिक व्यवहार करने हैं इनकी ग्रन्सान कर दी जाती है ।

MR. SPEAKER: The position is clear. He has accepted my request. Let him say what he wants to say.

SHRI D. N. TIWARI (Gopalganj): 1 am sorry to interrupt you. But at the outset Mr. Mandal raised a point of order; you did not allow him to do so.

MR. SPEAKER : He wanted to ask a question, not raise a point of order.

भी मधुलिसये: मैं केवल श्री शिवचन्द्र भा के प्रधन के बारे में प्वाइंट ग्राफ शाडर उठा रहा हूँ। जाहिर है कि उनका प्रधन खत्म होने पर भौर दूसरा ग्रुरू हो जाने पर मैं पहले प्रधन के बारे में कैंस प्वाएंट ग्रौफ ग्रार्डर उठा सपना हूँ? मैं कोई सवाल नहीं पूछ रहा हूं भोर न ही जैसा भी भोगेन्द्र भा समफ रहे हैं मैं उन्हें कोई टोक रहा हूंः मैं भ्राधे सैकैंड में खत्म कर दुगा।

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MR. SPEAKER : I request Mr. Limaye to wait.

भी मधुलिमये ः ग्राध्यक्ष महोदय, प्वाएंट ग्राफ ग्रार्डर मैं ग्राप से पुछ रहा है ;

श्वी मोगेन्द्र फाः मैं केवल ग्रघ्यक्ष महोदय से यह पूछना चाहूँगाकि उनका ग्रादेश यहां चलेगा ग्राथवानहीं ?

MR. SPEAKER : He was on his legs when I got up; then he sat down. In the meanwhile Shri Limaye got up to raise a point of order. He thinks that Mr. Limaye is interrupting him. I may assure him that Mr. Limaye is not interrupting him. Anyway let him finish; his is the second name in the calling attention motion. After that I shall allow Mr. Limaye to state his point of order.

श्री भोगेन्द्र भाः अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी मंत्री महोदय ने सदन के सामने जो वक्तव्य दिया है उससे बातें साफ नही होती हैं । उन्होंने कडा है कि उनकी ग्रोर से कोई लिखित ग्राटेश चनाव श्रायोग को नहीं दिया गया है। सवाल यह है कि कोई जबानी आदेश गया है या नहीं यहबातें सूनी जारही है कि देश में जितने उपचनाव ोने वाले थे वह सभी स्थगित कर दिये गये है ग्रीर ग्रब कोई भी उप चनाव चाहे विधान सभा का या लोक सभा का फरवरी के पहले नहीं होने जा रहा है। यह भ्रापने में एक ग्नसाधारण घटनाहै कि जितने उपचुनाव विधान सभा या लोकसभा के होने वाले थे उन के होने की बात तय हो 🤹 ई थी वह सभी स्थगिन कर दिये गये हैं; जब पूरे एलेक्टोरल रोल्स का रिवीजन परा हो जायेगा उसके बाद वह होंगे तो इस का क्या कारण है ?

दूसरे 5 नवम्बर को अब यह सम्मेलन बुलाया गयातो उसी मौके पर जबकि कुछ सदस्य सरकारी दल के उससे ग्रलग होकर सरकार को गिरान की बात प्रधान मंत्री को

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निष्कासित करने की बात कर रहे थे तो या तो सरकार जा आदेश चुनाव आयोग ने मानः या नहीं तो ग्रभी सरकारी दल का एक हिस्सा जो विरोधी दल में शामिल होने जा रहा है. वह है नहीं चंकि नाम उसने सभी बदला नहीं है. नाम ग्राभी वही है. ग्रालबत्ता ग्रागर उसका बाजाव्ता नामकरण हो जाय हम समफ सकते हैं लेकिन जैसा मैंने कहा वह उस रास्ते में हैं, ग्राभी सुलह की बात कर रहे हैं, ग्रागर वह हो जाय तो क्या उनके ग्रादेश पर जो उसमें भूतपूर्व मंत्री हैं, उस समय मंत्री भी थे तो इनके **भादेश से भ्रगर न**हीं हम्रा है तो फिर क्या उन कं ग्र।देश से ऐसा हम्रा है कि प्रघान मंत्री ग्रागर एक दल से निष्कासित हो जग्य तो सदन में बहमत रहेयान रहे फिर वह मध्यावधि चनाव होगा ।

तीसरे जनतंत्र का तकाजा है कि बीच में मध्यावधि चुनाव हों उसमें हमें ऐतराज नहीं। ऐसा मौका ग्रामकताहै. श्रानाचाहिए भी कि पांच साल के भीतर वैसी स्थिति पैदा हो जाय तो नये चनाव हों उससे घबडाने की जरूरत नहीं। लेकिन जो मौजदा स्थिति हे जो सदन ने ग्रपती प्रतिक्रिया ः 7 तारीख़ को जाहिर की है उस प्रष्टभूमि में चूनाव स्नायोग द्वारा उपचनावों का स्थगित करना श्रौर 35 दिन मंग्रह चुनाव पुरे कर लेने का ऐलान करना ग्राखिर इस तरह के 35 दिन में उसके द्वारा चुनाव परे कर लने क क्या कारणाथा ? यह बयान दिया था कि 35 दिन के अन्दर चनाव परे कर लेंगे। इसकी पृष्ठभूमि क्या थी ? ग्रगर यह सरकार की राय के खिलाफ है तो मैं जानना चालगा कि इसके बारे में सरकार का स्थिति क्या है?

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Madhu Limaye wanted to raise a point of order.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur) : Sir, the Minister will forget the question.

थी मधु लिमये: मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता है कि थी शिवचन्द्र भन्न ने जो प्रश्न पूछा था मंत्री महोदय ने उसका जवाब नहीं दिया है।श्री शिव चम्द्र फाने पूछा था.....

श्रीसरजूपाण्डेय (गाजीपुर) मैं भी प्वाइंटमाफ ग्राडंर रेज करूंगा।

श्वीरवि रायः ग्राप क्या प्वाइंट ग्राफ ग्राडंर रेज करेगे? प्रध्यक्ष महोदय, ग्राप ने श्रीमधु लिमयेको बुलायाहे ग्राप उनको सुनिये।

श्वी मधु लिमयेः क्या माननीय सदस्य के प्रदन का जवाब नहीं ग्राना चाहिए ?

SHRI GOVINDA MENON: Sir, as you know, the Chief Election Commissioner is an independent authority. I want to state once again that no instruction either written or verbal.

AN HON. MEMBER : Or private.

SHRI GOVINDA MENON : Verbal No instruction has may be private also. been given either written or verbal to the Chief Election Commissioner with respect to this matter. The conference held on the 5th November was held at the instance of the Chief Election Commissioner. In fact, I came to know about that conference only after I received the papers for drafting this answer to the Calling Attention motion. This matter of revision of the electoral rolls is being done in the routine fashion... (Interruption) the preparation of the electoral rolls being a duty cast upon the Chief Election Commissioner by the constitution. he is only discharging his duties.

As stated in the written answer which I read out, previously there has been delay in the matter of revision of the electoral rolls and that has come up for criticism often; on account of the electoral rolls not being ready, the elections had to be postponed particularly in States where the President's rule was imposed. I want to say once again that this matter is dealt with by the Chjef Election Commissioner under the Constitutional and legal authority wested in him.

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK (South Delhi) : On a point of order.

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SHRIS. M. BANERJEE : Sir, he has of orde

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK; He has

not replied to it.

misled the House.

SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: (Chittoor): Sir, a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : All are points of order !

SHRIB. P. MANDAL : Sir, there is my point of order.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Are you satisfied with his answer, Sir ? We are not satisfied.

SHRI B. B. MANDAL : Before 1 place my point of order, I crave your indulgence to hear me patiently and allow me to make out my point.

MR. SPEAKER : I just want to hear your point of order in two seconds. No more speech.

SHRI B. P. MANDAL : In two seconds it is not possible. The point is, in every parliamentary democracy, in every House, the seating arrangement is like this, There is one seat for the Minister. (Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER : There is no point of order.

SHR1 B. P. MANDAL : Sir, as a protest 1 am walking out. 1 know no less than you do about the functioning of parliamentary democracy. The only difference is that you were in Punjab and I was in Bihar.

(Shri B. P. Mandal then left the House)

MR. SPEAKER: 1 am very sory this has happened. He is a former Chief Minister of a State. I am very sorry he has behaved like this. The subject matter which he raised is entirely different from the one which the House was considering. If he had raised it at the proper time, I would have considered it. Now, what is the point of order of Shri Madhok ?

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : My point

of order is this. The hon. Minister is either not well-informed or he is deliberately House. The misleading the Election Commission has issued orders, in a letter dated 15th November, which reached our office on the 18th November, in which it has been stated that the revision of the electoral rolls in Delhi will be completed by the 30th November. For that purpose a large staff has been recruited. The letter clearly says that the revision of electoral rolls has to be completed by 30th November. In the light of that, how can he say that no instructions have been issued like that

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SHRI UMANATH (Pudukkottai) : My point of order is that a crucial question which has been asked earlier has not been answered about the Election Commission being prepared to conduct a general election within 35 days. Secondly, there is the announcement of the postponement of the bycelections fo. a particular period. These announcements of the Commission, as you have yourself rightly observed, give some impression. I want to know whether an enquiry was made by the Government why these two decisions were taken. If he has got any information, he may give it.

भी कंवर साल गुप्त : मुफो इतना ही कहना है कि पिछले पन्द्र ह दिनों से एलेक्शन कमीशन के बयान धा रहे हैं ग्रीर जो काम हो रहे हैं बह यह इम्प्रेशन दे रहे हैं कि कोई मिड-टर्म जनरल एलेक्शन होने वाले है घौर जैसा मंत्री महोदय ने कहा यह रुटीन भेक-म्पप है, यह ठीक नहीं है। सिर्फ ग्राम चुनाव होने के पहले इस तरह से लार्ज स्केल पर एलेक्टोरल रोल बदले जाते है, हर साल नहीं बदले जाते। यह जवाब ठीक नहीं है। या तो घाप इस पर डिस्क जन करवाइये या फिर मंत्री महोदय से कहिये कि वह ठीक जवाब दें पूछ कर। उनके अवाब से हमारी तसल्ली नहीं हई।

SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Sir, I would request you to allow a half an hour discussion on this bungling by this Minister over this issue.

भी मधु लिमचे: घ्रध्यक्ष महोदय, झगर बापकी माज्ञाहो तो मैं बोख्रुं।

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MR. SPEAKER: I stick to my decision that only those who have given notice of their names can ask question on a Calling Attention Notice. But if hon. Members are raising points of orders I cannot help it. But the points of orders should relate to procedural irregularities and not for eliciting information.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWI-VEDY (Kendrapara): The reply of the Minister is inadequate. So, would you permit a short duration discussion on this issue? I am sure you will appreciate that the urgency is there.

MR. SPEAKER : All of you are aware of the procedure for having a half-an-hour discussion.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY : That is only in respect of questions. Here it is a Calling Attention Notice.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : It will come under rule 193.

MR. SPEAKER : I will discuss it with the Minister and see of he is prepared to have a discussion...(*interruptions*). During the last few days at least half of inv visitors are asking this question whether I know something about it. I hope the Minister will take note of the feelings of the House.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY : You should allow a discussion. What is the harm ?

श्वी गुलाम सुरुम्मद बरुगी (श्रीनगर)ः 19३के तहत हम डिमकशन चाहते े । कोई डिफिकल्टी इसमें नहीं होनी चाहि ।

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MR. SPEAKER : If you give notice, I will certainly consider it and try to accommodate you.

श्री म्रोंकार ल≀ल **वेरवा (कोटा): इलेक्**शन कमीश⊤को वरखास्त किया **जाये । वह इंदिरा** का पिट्ठू है । SHRI NAMBIAR (Tiruchirappalli); Sir, before you proceed to the next item I have a submission to make regarding a serious matter on which I have met you in your chamber. I have also written a detailed letter to you. I am referring to the seating arrangements in the House. My point is that a spilt away part of the Congress is given the status of the main opposition party in the House, which is contrary to the rulings given by Shri Mavalankar and the practice so far followed.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received his letter.

SHRI NAMBIAR : If they have left another party and formed a group they may be given a seat as a group, but not the main opposition and thereby shunting about the other opposition groups for which they have no right...(*interruptions*). It cannot and should not be done. Unave with me a rulling of the Speaker...(*interruptions*)

SHRI PILOO MODY (Godhra) : Let us meet according to the Soviet or Chinese practice.

SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA (Cuttack): Sii, I want to raise a point of order. But you are on your legs.

MR. SPEAKER: Does it mean that when others are standing I have to sit down to enable them to raise points? When I am on my legs others will have to resume their seats.

Shri Nambiar has written to me about the seating arrangements provided to the new party. I may inform him that I am considering this radical phenomenon that when an organism is cut into two whether both of them are alive or both of them are dead. If you say one is alive, I have to consider which one.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY : The difficulty is that both of them arc alive and we are sandwiched between them.

SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR (Quilon): Sir, only one party can have one symbol. How can you allow both parties the same name and the same symbol? If you allow that, it is very unfair.

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DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : I have been listening to this argument since yesterday. We belong to the parent organisation, the Indian National Congress. So, we are the real Congress Party in Parliament and we alone should be allowed to have this name...(interruptions) We have inherited this party and, consequently, the name also. I want to tell my friends that no party is going to be given a name at the insiance of another party...(interruptions We have the right to have that name. As I said earlier, we belong to the parent organisation.... (interruptions)

These fellows who are objecting to it... *tin erruption*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS : He must withdraw this.

SHRI UMANATH: It is idiotic of him to say like that... (interruption). If he says, "these fellows", I say, he is an idiot... (interruption)

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE (Calcutta North East): He is a barbarian...... (Interruption).

Does he think that others are also like him ?

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Sir, I rise on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : Please do not provoke him.

SHRI NAMBIAR : There is a ruling here. There is no question of any provocation.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) rose –

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY : Have you allowed a discussion on this matter ? What is going on ?

MR. SPEAKER : No, I have not allowed it.

SHRI RAGHU RAM/ IAH : In view of the statement made...(interruption)

MR. SPEAKER : Papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH: He has made a statement and I must say something in defence; it must be placed on record..... (interruption). He says that they are the real Congress... We are the real Congress... (interruption)

12.37 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Report and Review of working of Indian Rare Earths Limited Bombay

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATAPATHY) : Sir, on behalf of Shrimati Indira Gandhi. I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :-

- Review by the Government on the working of the Indian Rare Earths Limited, Bombay, for the year 1968-69.
- (2) Annual Report of the Indian Rare Earths Limited, Bombay, for the year 1968-69, along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-1981/ 69.]

Papers under Tariff Commission Act, 1951

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHU-NATHA RADDY): Sir, on behalf of Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951:

- (1) (i) Report (1968) of the Tariff Commission on the fixation of fair selling prices of Automobilies.
 - (ii) Government Resolution No. 1(58)/68-A. E. Ind. (1) dated the 4th October, 1969 on the