

the Sixteenth and Forty-ninth Reports
of the Estimates Committee.

11.06 hrs.

**STATEMENT RE WORLD POPULA-
TION CONFERENCE**

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY PLANNING (DR KARAN
SINGH):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, as Hon'ble
Members are aware, 1974 is being ob-
served by the United Nations as World
Population Year. A World Population
Conference was held in Bucharest
(Romania) from the 19th to 30th Aug-
ust. I had the privilege of leading
the Indian Delegation to this Confe-
rence and the Deputy Leader was Pro-
fessor S Chakravarty, Member, Plan-
ning Commission. A member of our
delegation Professor P. B. Desai was
elected Rapporteur-General of the
Conference.

In view of the importance of this
event, I am sure Hon'ble Members will
be interested to know more details
with regard to the Conference. With
your permission, Sir, I would like to
place copies of four documents in the
Library; my address to the Plenary
Session, our Country Statement for the
Conference, the concluding speech by
Professor S Chakravarty, and the
World Population Plan of Action as
adopted by the Conference on 30th
August, 1974. Members will notice
that the broad policy enunciated in
my opening speech has been well re-
flected in the Plan of Action as finally
adopted.

11 07 hrs

**STATEMENT RE DISCOVERY OF
CURRENCY NOTES OF FIVE
RUPEES DENOMINATION
BEARING THE SAME
NUMBER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K R.
GANESH):** Mr Speaker, Sir, I rise
to make a statement on the matter
raised in the House under Rule 377, on

the 13th August, 1974, by Shri Shyam-
nandan Mishra, regarding discovery of
20 Notes of Five-Rupees denomination
bearing the same number (T-77/
218978).

Sir, necessary enquiries in this
matter have been made. Twenty pieces
of five rupee notes bearing the same
serial number (T-77/218978) were
found in a packet issued to the Guja-
rat State Transport Depot, Rajkot by
the State Bank of Saurashtra. The
packet had been supplied to the Bank
of Saurashtra by the Ahmedabad Issue
Office of the Reserve Bank of India;
the RBI had received it in a consign-
ment of fresh notes from the Currency
Note Press, Nasik Road. All the 20
pieces of the above-mentioned five
rupee notes have been collected from
Rajkot and examined by the Currency
Note Press. The scrutiny has revealed
that all these are genuine notes. The
repetition of numbering has occurred
when one of the numbering boxes in
the numbering machine got stuck or
if there was a defect in the connecting
rod. The person incharge of the
machine, however, failed to give
necessary intimation to the Control
Section about this though this is
required to be done under the pres-
cribed procedure. Unfortunately,
even in the subsequent examination
in the Control Section the repeated
numbering was not detected. As a
result, the notes in question were
despatched to RBI.

Sir Government have also viewed
with concern the reported discovery
another set of twenty notes of 5-Rupee
denomination of the same T-77 series
bearing identical number. As an im-
mediate remedial measure, the RBI
has been advised to instruct the con-
cerned issue offices not to release any
note of the series bearing the prefix
T-77 and T-78 without cent per cent
checking and verification. Owing to a
large increase in production and sup-
ply of Notes to RBI, the cent per cent
examination of notes of Rs. 5/- denomi-
nation had been discontinued about a
year back and an emergency proce-
dure was in vogue. Pending detailed
examination of the entire procedure