

12.11 hrs.

**RE. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**  
(Query)

**Mr. Speaker:** Now we take up the Call Attention Notice

**Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji** (Howrah) rose—

**Shri Chintaman Panigrahi** (Bhubaneswar) rose—

**Mr. Speaker.** The hon Member wanted to raise something. I will tell him the procedure. Everyday we get about 10 to 20 call attention notices, but we take up only one a day and that too, the Speaker decides its importance and it has to be admitted. A motion which is not admitted cannot be raised on the floor of the House. Therefore I request the hon Member not to raise it here. It is not proper. If he thinks that it is very urgent I am prepared to discuss this with the hon Member, but he may not raise it here now.

**Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji:** Quite a large number of people have been killed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now we take up the Call Attention Notice.

**Mr. Sheopujan Shastry**

12.12 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

(1) SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE CABINET IN PONDICHERRY

श्री शिवसूजन शास्त्री (विक्रम गज) :  
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के निम्नलिखित विषय की ओर गृह-कार्य मंत्री का ध्यान दिलाता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह इस बारे में एक वक्तव्य दें.—

“पांडिचेरी में मन्त्रि-मंडल के पद-त्याग से उत्पन्न स्थिति।”

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** Sir, I shall place before the House the facts relating to the situation arising out of the resignation of the Council of Ministers in Pondicherry. At 10.15 P.M. on the 19th March, 1967, the Chief Minister of Pondicherry submitted resignation of his Cabinet as two of his Cabinet colleagues had resigned. On the 20th March, a no-confidence motion against the Council of Ministers was to be discussed by the Legislative Assembly. In view, however, of the resignation tendered by the Chief Minister, the Speaker adjourned the House till the 30th March, 1967.

In all seven members including two Cabinet Ministers had resigned from the Congress Legislature party. After the adjournment of the Assembly, these seven members along with eight members of the opposition wrote to the Lieutenant Governor that they had constituted themselves as a United Democratic Front to function in the Assembly on the basis of a minimum programme and had elected Shri A. S. Kankeyan as their leader. A request was also made in that letter that leader of the Front may be given opportunity to form the Government.

On the same day the Congress Legislature party elected Shri Farook Maricar, the Speaker of the Assembly as its new leader and he then tendered resignation of his office as Speaker. He informed the Lieutenant Governor that the meeting of his party at which he was elected leader was attended by fifteen members including himself and that some of the members of the party who had resigned were expected to withdraw their resignation. In view of this he requested that he may be called upon to form the Government.

The position as it emerged on the 20th March was that both sides claimed the support of fifteen members each and neither side was in a majority. If any side provided a nominee for the office of Speaker, it would