

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

HUNDRED AND FIFTEENS RUPEES

SHRI THIRUMALA RAO (Kakinada) : I beg to present the Hundred and fifteenth Report of the Estimates Committee on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Eightysixth Report on the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines and Metals (Department of Petroleum and Chemicals) Purchase of oil barrels by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited, during 1966-67 against Tender No. OP/TEN-7/65.

15.14½ hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET 1970-71-GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd.

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI (Krishnagar) : Mr. Deputy-speaker, Sir when I heard the Opposition speaking here for the past two days, I was really surprised, because I wondered if I was hearing a buget debater or I was hearing a commentary on a fashion show, because, what has a Max Factor, miniskirts and maxi-coat and so on got to do with the budget. I thought it was a commentary on a fashion show I am really surprised.

SHRI PILOO MODY (Gothra) : Sense of humour.

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI : Well, it sounded as it was a fashion show-miniskirts, mini-bikinis and maxi-coat werementioned.

Mr. Asoka Mehta said about the treasury benches having put forth a Max-Factoring facade. I think he has completely changed his complexion once he walked over from this side to the other side. I did not know that Max Factor caters for men as well. Anyway, Max Factor has done a very good job on him, it has completely changad his complexion.

Mr. Masani said that each rupee spent in the private sector gives back 7 paise whereas each rupee spent in the public sector gives back only 2 paise. But he has forgotten to use his own simile, the underwear behind that maxi-coat; he has forgotten that the private sector is able to

earn that 7 paise because of the various infra-structures that the public sector has already built into the entire country. Without the inputs, by the public sector today, the private sector would not be able to earn 7 paise on every rupee.

Mr. Madhok said that we do not want either capitalism or communism, but we want only Indianism. What kind of Indianism is this ? What variety of Indianism does he want ? In a letter to the *Hindustan Times* on 16th February, Mr. Madhok said :

“Riots will continue to rule till Islam is Indianise.” Guru Golwalkar in his book say— . . .

“The way Hitler has built the German nation by weakening race pride has a great lesson for us to learn in Hindustan.”

Do you want to be guided by principles like this ? Do we not consider the minorities in this country to be our brother Have they not worked with us and fought for the freedom of India ? Guru Golwalkar's party not only condemns Muslims but they do not like Christians or any other minority community.

AN HON. MEMBER : They like Parsis!

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHODHURI : It is a fact that democracy functions only inasmuch as minorties in that country feel secure. That is where we have certainly won in India, because the minorities in India do feel secure and the position is not as in Pakistan. thank God !

I would make an appeal to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. Many of the minorities here have asks for Indian citizenship, which has been unduly delayed. This creates a sense of insecurity in their minds. I hope this matter will be looked into. I cannot go into the details, as time is short, but I hope to bring it to the notice of the hon. Home Minister. Also, under the Defence of India Rules, large tracts of land belonging to the minorities had been acquired by the Government and nothing has been done about it. I hope this question will be fully gone into and our minorities will never feel that they