

12.28½ hrs.

## STATEMENT RE DEFENCE MINISTER'S VISITS TO USA AND USSR

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** Sir, this statement is a brief report for the information of Parliament....

**Mr. Speaker:** How long is this brief report?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** It will take 15 minutes.

**Mr. Speaker:** He may lay it on the Table of the House.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur (Jalore):** It is an important statement, Sir, and we would like to hear him.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi (Mandsaur):** We would like to have it read.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have no objection, if that is the desire of hon. Members. He says that it will take 15 minutes. If the copies are circulated to all hon. Members, they will be able to read it and afterwards if some clarification is required I can allow them time.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshangabad):** Tomorrow.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is for them to decide as they like.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad (Bhagalpur):** Since this is an important statement we would like him to read it. As in certain cases you allow statements to be read, I hope you will allow this also to be read.

**Mr. Speaker:** For 15 minutes....

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** If you rule that you will not allow statements which will take 15 minutes or more to be read, that is another thing.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla (Mahasamund):** If after reading the statement, you will allow questions it may

be read, otherwise it may be laid on the Table.

**Mr. Speaker:** When it is laid on the Table, Members will get their copies, they can read it and then put questions by way of clarification. If the House so desires, I have no objection in having it read now.

**Shri Hanumanthaiya (Bangalore City):** Your suggestion is very helpful to us, because afterwards we can put questions.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** That is what we want.

**Shri Hem Barua:** If we will not be allowed to put questions now, then this suggestion is very helpful because we can go through the statement and then put questions.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is what I have stated just now. He might lay it on the Table.

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Sir, I lay it on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3188/64].

12.31 hrs.

## STATEMENT RE: RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT KAITHALKUCHI ON NEF RAILWAY

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):** Sir, with profound regret I have to inform the House that on 19-9-1964 at about 18.45 hours, at Kaithalkuchi station on the Alipurduar Junction-Gauhati section of Northeast Frontier Railway, train No. 5 Up Kamrup Express entered platform line No. 1 and collided head-on with the Down Gauhati-Lucknow Express which had been admitted on that line a short while earlier.

As a result of the collision, the train engine of Kamrup Express derailed and capsized, the third-lug-