

Mr. Speaker: The result of the division is: Ayes 64; Noes. 109.

The motion was negatived.

15.59½ hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THIRTY-FOURTH REPORT

Sári Rane (Buldana): I beg to present the Thirty-fourth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker: I shall take up the adjournment motion now.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The discussion on the Bill should continue, because the motion for adjourning the discussion on the Bill has been lost.

Mr. Speaker: The discussion on the Bill will continue tomorrow.

16 hrs.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT IN HANDLING LANGUAGE ISSUE

Mr. Speaker: I shall fix the time-limit, because there would be a large number of Members desiring to speak. I propose that the mover may take 15 minutes and the others 10 minutes each.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee (Calcutta Central): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

"That the House do now adjourn". I do so, because, I wish to draw pointed attention to the recent tragic events in the south, which have cast their shadow on the country and on the deliberations of this House. A short while ago, the elements conspired to create stark horror in Rameshwaram, but it was Government's folly and arrogance and its lack of

capacity for intelligently anticipating and sympathetically responding to public feeling which provoked fury in Tamil Nad, usually so sedate and sober, over the issue of language on Republic Day and subsequently. My intention is to censure Government for its utter failure to tackle the tragedy in Tamil Nad and its repercussions elsewhere, as in West Bengal.

We are not unready to welcome and cooperate with whatever honest efforts Government might make to solve the crisis. Meanwhile, however, the mind of the country must be made known and the heart of our people must speak, as it can only do in Parliament.

The death roll in Tamil Nad, as I learn, is 78 including 4 policemen and 5 who burnt themselves to death as a protest against the imposition of Hindi, like the Buddhist monks of South Viet-Nam. It is true that certain kinds of incendiary leadership, whom I shall not name, were flourishing in Tamil Nad and the frustration and irritation over Government's failures on food and every other front have accumulated. But when men come forward and publicly burn themselves to death for their own mother-tongue, when thousands stand by in admiration and sorrow and then some of them in sudden anger think nothing of such ugly things as burning policemen also to death; such events cannot be treated lightly and brushed aside. Emotion of that sort can burn solid thrones, let alone the rickety structures of vainglory that prop up the Government. The city of Delhi is the historic grave of vainglory and Government must beware.

This warning is needed, because among other things the ruling party in this country has always failed to understand the complications of the language question in India. They list some 14 languages in the schedule to the Constitution and call the Republic a Union of States. But they do not