

(Part II—Proceedings other than Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, 20th August, 1953

The House met at Quarter Past Eight
of the Clock

[PANDIT THAKUR DAS BHARGAVA in the
Chair]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(See Part I)

9-16 A. M.

ANDHRA STATE BILL

Shri K. Subrahmanyam (Vizianagaram): Sir, I present a petition signed by a petitioner regarding the Andhra State Bill, 1953.

ANDHRA STATE BILL—Contd.

Mr. Chairman: Now, we take up the legislative business. Further consideration of the Motion moved by Dr. Kailas Nath Katju on the 13th August 1953.

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): Yesterday I said that the debate had been most interesting and exceedingly profitable to me because, though the hon. Members surveyed the whole scene in India, right from the north to the south and east to the west and departed widely from Andhra, it was interesting, and I think also of importance to hear the various points of view mentioned here. As one hon. Member was pleased to say, the first two days were devoted by my hon. friends from Andhra Desh

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and Tamil Nad exchanging compliments with each other and the next two days....

Shri Velayudhan (Quilon cum Mavelikkara—Reserved—Sch. Castes): Complaints.

Dr. Katju:were devoted to the exposition of the doctrine of linguistic provinces and we had all views explained—downright support, downright opposition, and the medium, namely, starting with opposition and ending with maximum support. As I said, it was a revealing debate. It would, it seems to me, on the strength of this debate not be possible for anybody to say that any particular view holds the field. (Some Hon. Members: No.) It may be that the gentlemen who today are supporting the doctrine may, like my hon. friend, reverse the gear and end by opposing it. I say so for one reason, because the impression that was left on my mind was a sort of an idea that language—the bond of language—is, so to say, the sole key to heaven and to prosperity. You bring all the same language speaking people together and at once they rise! All economic questions are solved, all difficulties surmounted and there is an end of the matter! (Interruptions).

Some Hon. Members: No, no.

Dr. Katju: I am only giving my impression; I may be wrong. Please remember I cannot get away from my surroundings. For 40 years I have been told very often by people that I have been wrong.

An. Hon. Member: Realise it sometimes.