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**HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE**

*Wednesday, 18th February, 1953*

*The House met at Two of the Clock*

[**MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER** in the Chair]

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

*(See Part I)*

3 P.M.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**SUDDEN CLOSURE OF MANGANESE MINES  
IN MYSORE**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have received notice of an adjournment motion regarding the grave situation arising out of the sudden closure of manganese mines in Mysore and consequent loss of employment for ten thousand labourers caused by inadequate supply of wagons by the Railways.

This inadequate supply of wagons has been there for some time. Therefore, there is nothing new that has arisen today. Also, the Railway Budget will be under discussion as also the steps that are being taken to meet the deficiency. In these circumstances, I do not propose to give my consent to defer the normal work before the House.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy**  
(Mysore) *rose—*

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There is nothing more with respect to that.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have to inform the hon. Members that I have received the following letter from Shri A. K. Gopalan:

"In November I had an operation and I am now in hospital. I will not be able....."

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**Some Hon. Members:** Where?

**Some Hon. Members:** He is in Moscow.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He is in Moscow.

"I will not be able to fly to India immediately so that I may be able to be present when Parliament begins on 11th February. Hence I request that I may be granted leave till I am able to attend Parliament after recouping my health."

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri A. K. Gopalan for remaining absent from all the meetings of the House during this session?

**Shri Bogawat (Ahmednagar South):** Was he given passport to go to Moscow?

**Some Hon. Members:** Ask the Government.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Yes; he has been there for a long time. All that is not relevant. He is not here. He has asked for leave.

Leave was granted.

**MOTION ON ADDRESS BY THE  
PRESIDENT—concl'd.**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Prime Minister.

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** For four days, this House has been debating this motion and we have covered many subjects, big and small. We have ranged all over the world and considered problems of India. But, I find a little difficulty in this maze of subjects that have been raised, to deal with many of them in the course of my reply. The House will permit me therefore, if I may say so to pick and choose and deal with