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understanding. I want to approach this problem from the point of view of understanding of their difficulties and try to meet them if possible, either half way or even the whole way.

In conclusion, I would say that the unity of this country is of paramount importance. And I would appeal to everyone here and outside that we must strengthen the solidarity of this country and bring about that integration which is so necessary for us in order that we may hold our heads high in the comity of nations. It is unfortunate that here and there, there are these discordant voices. Let us learn from the past history of ours, and not give the slightest room for the growth of any of these weakening tendencies.

RELEASE OF A MEMBER

Mr. Chairman: I have to inform the House that I have received the following letter dated the 13th February, 1958, from the Superintendent of Central Jail, Hazaribagh:—

"I am to inform you that Shri S. A. Matin, Member, Lok Sabha, has this day been released from this Jail on acquittal."

MOTION ON ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT—contd.

Shri N. B. Maiti (Ghatal): I rise to support the motion of thanks on the Address by the President. This Address has been characterised by some speakers as lacking in imagination, lacking in reality, and as being full of complacency and full of omissions and commissions. It is profitable to examine the charges made by some of our speakers. The question of imagination, of the realisation of reality,

and whether there is complacency or not etc. come up if we consider the Address in the domestic as well as the international spheres.

The Address consists of only seven pages. Therefore, it cannot be expected that all the things on earth could be put in that Address. So, certain things have got to be omitted. Moreover, when the Budget comes up, there will be opportunities for discussion; when the Demands for Grants relating to the several Ministries come up, there can be discussion for longer hours. So, if there be any omissions, that could certainly be excused, and Members should not grow vocal over these omissions.

As regards the question of lack of imagination or of reality, if we turn our eyes to the international sphere and also to the domestic sphere, we find no evidence of the charges. In spite of the great hardships that the country was passing through in the matter of foreign exchange, the industrial production has not only remained intact but, in fact, has increased. A study of the industrial production during the last year would easily prove this contention.

So far as food production is concerned, in spite of droughts and floods and also the growth of population, it must be said that the difficult situation has been ably handled, and I think I can say—I am not quite sure—that nobody has died of starvation. Besides, in the Address by the President, there is a call to the country for greater production of food-grains and of agricultural crops. That, surely, is not lacking in imagination or in a grasp of the realities as they are present today.

Then, in the case of small industries, health measures, technical and scientific education as well as those other interests which vitally affect our national life, the Address has given a catalogue of the achievements