

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

SHRI R. MARGABANDU (Tamilnadu): I present the Seventy-first Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table regarding Food Corporation of India, Hindustan Copper Limited, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation and Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai.

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**REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PAY COMMITTEE**

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Report of the Parliamentary Pay Committee on the scales of pay for officers and staff of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariats which was presented to the Chairman on the 26th April, 1999. The printing, publication and circulation of the Report has already been ordered by the Chairman.

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**INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS—contd.**

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I would introduce two more Ministers of State.

Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain—Minister of State of Food Processing.

Shri Munni Lall—Minister of State of Labour and Employment.

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**SPECIAL MENTIONS****Immediate sealing of Indo-Bangladesh Border**

DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA (Assam): Mr. Chairman, Sir. I would like to refer to the need for the immediate sealing of the Indo-Bangladesh border which is a long-standing problem not only of the North-East, but also of the whole of India. Due to the non-sealing of this border since a very long time, it is creating a lot of problems for us. It is also resulting in drug trafficking and infiltration of ISI agents and other things. Sir, you are aware of it. I am happy that the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs is present here. It has been reported in the newspapers two or three days back that some Government employees were caught red-handed while supplying important documents to the extremists of the North-East Region, including of Assam. It is very dangerous to the sovereignty and integrity of India, especially North-East and Assam. I would request the Government of India through this august House more especially the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs & the State Minister Home, who is sitting here, to take necessary action in sealing the of Indio-Bangladesh border so that illegal