

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: MATTER OF PRIVILEGE RAISED AGAINST MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to inform that on 11th August, 1997, a matter of privilege had been raised vis-a-vis the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, in regard to certain comments purported to have been made by him in a section of the Press. The hon. Minister was requested for his comments in this respect, and I have received a letter from him. He was inter-alia stated, and I quote, "I wish emphatically to state, in this connection, that there has been no occasion whatsoever of my making any derogatory reference vis-a-vis the House or its Presiding Officers. Any impression formed to the contrary is unfounded. Indeed, may I say that I have always held the House and the Chair in the highest esteem, in keeping with the hallowed traditions of our Parliamentary democracy. I would therefore, like to leave this matter to your good judgement for an appropriate decision." In view of the hon. Minister's reply, I propose to treat the matter as closed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

- I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Indian Museum Calcutta and related Papers.
- II. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Allahabad Museum Society (Allahabad) and related Papers.
- III. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi and related papers.
- IV. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. BHATTACHARYA): Madam, I lay on the Table

a copy each (in English and Hindi) the following papers:—

- I (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Museum, Calcutta, for year 1995-96 together with Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on working of the above Museum.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library See no 11 2347/97 for (a) to (c)].

- II (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Allahabad Museum Society, Allahabad, for the year 1995-96 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Museum.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library, See no LT-2346/97 for to (c)].

- III (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned above. [Placed in the Library See LT-2322/97 for (a) to (c)].

- IV (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi for the year 1994-95, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in the Library (See No. LT-2323/97 for (a) to (c))].