signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(III)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on 20th March, 1997.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(IV)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 20th March, 1997".

I lay a copy of each of the bills on the table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, yesterday, in the House a query was raised by Mr. Satish Agarwal and was supported by Mr. Salim. They

mentioned above the laying of a paper by the Minister of Industry. He made a clarification about it and sent it to us. I am very happy that the Minister is so prompt that last evening, at 4 O' clock he sent me that letter. I would like him to explain about the paper which was laid yesterday. Please, Mr. Minister.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Madam, I am thankful to you that vesterday you were gracious enough to permit me to lay a paper on the Table of the House. There was a precedent on July 14, 1992. They laid it like that because it happened to be a draft notification. It did not contain the date or the number. While making a summary they made a slip, in a sense: they should have told us that it is a amending an earlier notification notification dated Ist January, 1992. It is not there and perhaps, because of that arrived at that conclusion. Therefore, I have made it very clear that there is a precedent for that. It was done on July 14, 1992. Therefore, there is no discrepancy in that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you, very much. I hope everybody else would be so prompt. Let us know all the Members' queries.

RE. NEED TO REVAMP EDUCATION SYSTEM

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (RAJASTHAN): Thank you very much, madam Deputy Chairperson, for allowing me to raise an issue which affects India's future, i.e. the younger generation of the country, the student community of the country. I would not go into the details. Madam, we had raised this issue on 14th March in this House. I drew the attention of the Government at that time to the plight of the students with regard to the physics paper of Class XII.

Thereafter, Madam, I was very much concerned and perturbed while reading a newsitem. It said: Unhappy with the examination, a class VII girl commits

suicide, ends life'. 'Payal Sharma, a student of class VII, aged only 10-11'. When she came home, her mother was preparing lunch. The girl committed suicide. The girl committed suicide before her mother tried to save her. I do not want to go into the sorrowful tale. I was so much upset that immediately L gave notice to the hon. Chairman for making a Zero Hour submission. The Chairman has been kind enough to permit it later on.

Madam, the point is, day in and day out, there is some report or the other in the newspapers on this. We had raised the issue the other day. Then, again, just two-three days ago, on 19th March, the 'Hindustan Times' carried a story: 'Students find mathematics examination difficult'. Again, in today's 'Indian Express', we find on the first page: 'First Physics, then Chemistry, and now, Mathematics, makes

kids cry'. I do not want to go into all the details which are contained in this.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): It is tenth standard paper.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Whatever it is. The point is; the student community is facing a tremendous problem, whether they are in the X standard or XII standard. I am talking of the system as such. Again, Madam, in the 'Hindustan Times' of 20th march, there is a newsitem. I do not want to quote Mr. R.K. Narayan's strong case for doing away with the examination system. They have said that school books are an instrument of torture. Our schools are nothing but torture cells. They are just torture cells and nothing else. On the top of it, the examination system is a further torture.

I would say that up to the eighth standard, there should be no examination. We have got an examination system in the country, but we do not have an education system. The whole education system needs to be revamped. The Mudaliar Commission was there. The Radhakrishnan Commission was there. Prof. D.P. Chattopadhyaya's report is there. We have also Prof. Yashpal's report. There are many, many more reports.

Through you, Madam, I would request the Government to address themselves immediately to the question of revamping the whole examination system. Up to the eighth standard, there should be no examination; no failures. Only the X and XII standard are very much related to the future career of the student community. I do not want to read out all the things contained here; where the families have given interviews, etc. I will give just one quotation. The newsitem says: 'Complaints pour in from students all across the city who took the mathematics examination this morning'. Then, it says: 'A student of the Delhi Tamil Education Society School, Chitra Aivar, found the paper very lengthy; the last two problems could not be solved'. I do not want to read out the whole thing.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please. Don't read out from newspapers.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Madam. the student community, as I said, faces a tremendous problem. That is why we raised the issue. I requested the Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development to come out with some sort of a solution. We, members, pleaded. There should not be any examination. The competitive examinations would be held, at the all-india levelentrance examinations-sometime in April and May.

The Government should devise methods, in consultation with the CBSE as well as the State Boards. There are problems with regard to the State Boards also. The students should be given some proportionate grace marks, in proportion to the marks that they get in the other papers. Some sort of method should be evolved. I am not an expert on this. Therefore, I cannot say how it should be done.

It is with a sense of deep anger and anguish that I am raising this question regarding the depression among the student community, regarding the suicide being committed by the students, young students of 10-11 years of age. It is very sad. Not only young lives are lost. But the families also suffer.

Through you, Madam, I would request the hon. Minister, I would request the Government, to do something in this matter so as to save the future generation of this country from this kind of situation, from getting into a state of depression. Please, for god's sake, do something. Otherwise, I do not know what is going to be the fate of the younger generation.

Thank you.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, Deputy Chairman, this is the plight of not only the 7th class students. The 10th class maths examination paper was also tough. Then, the 12th class Physics, Chemistry and Maths examination papers were tough.

Madam, there was no complaint in the previous years about the question papers set by the CBSE. It has been done this year. I could read the observation made by the Chairman of the Board. What the Chairman of the Board said was contrary to the general feelings of the students and the parents community. He said that an examination in which every student gets 100 per cent marks was, by no measure, an examination. As far as Maths and then Chemistry are concerned, children do get 98 per cent, 99 per cent or 97 per cent marks. Brilliant students were getting them. This time the question papers set were difficult, lengthy, vague and out of the syllabus. This is the issue which we are raising. The questions asked were out of the syllabus. The children could not answer them.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY (Andhra Pradesh): Maths also.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Two questions in the Physics paper were out of the syllabus.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: Physics, Chemistry and Maths. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The students were asked to give solutions for two questions which were lengthy. More than half-an-hour was taken by the students for answering them.

Apart from complaining to the Press, they are complaining to Members of Parliament.

The children are depressed. It is not one child. A number of students who have written the examination, have been affected. For admission to professional courses, they require 98 per cent or 97 per cent cut-off marks. How will they be able to get such marks when you are setting papers out of sysllabus? Therefore, I want the hon. Minister to consider this.

I want the hon. Minister to make a statement in this House on what action he is going to take. We are going on recess for 20 days. Therefore, I demand from the Minister that he should hold a discussion with the CBSE Board and try to solve the problem by giving grace marks to those students who appeared in those examinations. Let us be very fair on that. Otherwise, Mr. Minister, you will have to relax the rules for admission to engineering and other colleges.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Miss Saroi Khaparde.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: Madam, I also want to say...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can associate yourself with this. Their names are written here.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: After them.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. I have got a lot of names.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: A number of children are ringing me up today. A number of students called on me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I agree with you. But let us go by the procedure. Sarojji raised this matter with the Chairman vesterdav.

कुमारी सरोज खापडें (महाराष्ट्र): उपसभापति महोदया, सतीश अग्रवाल जी ने जो मुद्ध, जो विषय उठाया है और हमारे नारायणसामी जी ने भी अपने आपको उससे संबद्ध किया. में भी आपने आपको उनके साथ एसोसिएट करना चाहंगी।

यह बात इकीकत है। पिछले कुछ दिन पहले 12वीं कक्षा के बारे में--फिजिक्स, केमिस्ट्री और मैथस के बारे में हमने यही पढ़ा था अखबारों में। अब पिछले दो दिनों से हम लोग टेन्थ के बारे में--मैथस के पेपर के बारे में यह पढ़ रहे हैं। यह बात सही है कि कई बच्चों ने हमसे ं कहा है कि सिलेबस के बाहर के प्रश्न आने के कारण वे अपना पेपर ठीक ढंग से लिख नहीं पाए। इतने प्रश्न होते हैं कि आधा-एक घंटा तो उन प्रश्नों को पढ़ने और समझने में लगता है। उसी के कारण कई प्रकार के कन्पयजन होकर बच्चों के दिमाग पर उसका वार्का असर होता है।

मेरा निवेदन आपके धू एच॰आर॰डी॰ मिनिस्टर से यह रहेगा कि इन बच्चों की आज यह मेंटल तैयारी नहीं है कि वे रीइक्जाम के लिए अपीयर हों। उनको ग्रेस मार्क्स देकर किसी तरह से उनको टेन्थ से अगली कक्षा में किसी तरीके से डालें इसकी कोशिश करनी चाहिए।

मझे लगता है कि एच॰आर॰डी॰ मिनिस्टर सुन रहे हैं। इसके बारे में कड़ करेंगे। मैं उनसे एक और निवेदन करना चाहंगी सदन के सामने वे शिक्षा की बाबत. एजुकेशन पालिसी के बारे में अगर कछ विचार लेकर आएं तो मझे लगता है कि सदन को भी काफी आसानी होगी उसको समझने में और समझने में।

SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, the Yashpal Committee submitted its recommendations two-anda-half years back. After that, a twelvemember committee was constituted. Has the Government picked up any of its recommendations and started implementing it in this regard?

I would also like to know whether the Government is going to initiate a process of radical examination reforms giving continuous weightage to the continuous assessment system in examinations. Madam, there are many question banks

and model questions. There have also been cases of re-examination in certain cases. My point is where re-examinations have not taken place after three months, six months, one year or even ten years, when these students go to join another academic course or a foreign employment, their failure due to the lapses on the part of the authorities are not taken into account. What thought is being given to this point.

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहल्वालियाः उपसभापति महोदया, सतीश अग्रवाल जी ने जो मुद्दा उठाया है, इससे पहले मेरे द्वारा पूर्व में भी यह मुद्दा ठठाया गया था. पर दर्भाग्य की बात है कि वहां बच्चों की जिंदगी का सवाल है. उन के भविष्य का सवाल है. अभी तक सी-बी-एस-ई- की तरफ से या सरकार की तरफ से कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गयों है और आश्रर्य की बात तो यह है कि अखबारों में बातें ऐसी छप रही है कि यह सवाल पार्लियामेंट में क्या उत्पर

श्रीमती रेणुका खौधरीः क्यें नहीं?

श्री एसन्एस• अहलवालियाः आप अखनार पहिए यह लिखा है और सी॰बी॰एस॰ई॰ के ऑफीसर्स कह रहे हैं कि Why are they making a hue and cry?

तो इस चीज को सीरियसली नहीं लिया जा रहा है। महोदया. मैं ने इस के पहले अपने वस्तव्य में सतलाया था कि आजकल सदवीं और बारहवीं कथा की बात तो छोडिए सातवीं और आठवीं कथा के क्रांत्र भी एकजामिनेशन सिस्टम से इतने फ्रस्टेटेड हो गए है कि वे "सुसाइड कमिट" कर रहे हैं। महोदया, अभी बंगाल में एक मैथेमेटिक्स का पेपर लीक हो गया और उस को लेकर बवाल खडा हो गया। फिर बहां की सरकार ने अंकुश लगाया, इंक्वायरी कमीशन बिठाया और जो आरोपी है. उन को पकड़ने की सारी कोशिश की। महोदया, परीक्षाओं में "अनफेअर मीन्स" का प्रयोग और चीटिंग क्यों होती है? वहां नोटिस लगा हुआ है कि सेल्यलर फोन्स नहीं ले जा सकते. पंजर नहीं ले जा सकते. जैसे कि सब बच्चे चोरी करने जाते हैं। महोदया. पेजर या सेल्यलर के तहत वहां कोई डिक्टेशन लेकर लिखने वाला नहीं है और फिर ये आज के बच्चे तो कल का भविष्य है, कल के भारत का भविष्य है। उन पर किसी तरह की शंका कर के इस उन को ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभापति: आप संक्षिप्त में कह दें तो अच्छा होगा क्योंकि मैं मंत्री जी से भी रिएक्सन चाहंगी।

भी एस॰एस॰ अहलवालियाः महोदया, यह बाते सरकार के दिमाग में नहीं आ रही है जबकि सरकार को इस पर कारगर कदम उठाने की जरूरत है क्योंकि इन बच्चों को आगे एंट्रेंस एकजामिनेशन में भी बैठना है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Association means just raise your voice.

श्री एस॰एस॰ अहल्वालियाः महोदया, इन बातों 🔭 का वह जवाब दें कि वह क्या फैसला ले रहे हैं क्योंकि उन बच्चों का भविष्य अंधकार में पड़ा हुआ है। इसलिए मंत्रीजी इस बारे में क्या फैसला ले रहे है. इस से हमें अवगत कराएं ।

उपसभापतिः श्री अजीत जोगी। कृपया संक्षेप में अपनी आवाज जोड दीजिए।

श्री अजीत जोगी (मध्य प्रदेश): उपसभापति जी. एक बहुत गंभीर मसले को श्री अग्रवाल ने बढाया है। मैं आप के माध्यम से केवल यह निवेदन करना चाहता है कि हम सब लोग-आप, इस लोग और मंत्री लोग यहां देश की नीति निर्धारित करते हैं. इस को कोई अधिकार नहीं है कि हम आने वाली पीढ़ी का बचपन उस से छीन लें।

महोदया, जिस तरह की शिक्षा व्यवस्था हम अपने बच्चों को दे रहे हैं. उस ने उन का बचपन उन से छीन लिया है। महोदया, आज की विद्यमान शिक्षा व्यवस्था केवल परीक्षा व्यवस्था पर आधारित है और शिक्षा से उस का कोई संबंध नहीं है। महोदया, इसी सदन में श्री आर॰के॰ नारायणून द्वारा जब यह कहा गया—that our schools are nothing but torture cells and their school bags and their homework are torture instruments. इस तरह उन के द्वारा एक बड़ी भारी व्यथा व्यक्त की गयी थीं और हम सभी को यह आशा श्री कि इस समस्या का कोई-न-कोई हल निकलेगा। महोदया, डा॰ राधाकुष्णन् से लेकर प्रो॰ यशपाल तक ने अपनी रिपोर्ट दीं। इस बिन्द पर बार-बार सिफारिशें और अनुशंसाएं की गयीं, पर हम लोग क्यों उन्हें लागू नहीं कर पाए है और क्यों आज अपने बच्चें को इतने दबाव में रखते हैं कि परीक्षा देने का भय उस को आत्महत्या करने के लिए प्रेरित कर रहा है महोदया. यह हम सब की जवाबदारी है. इस सदन की जवाबदारी है और मंत्री लोगों की जवाबदारी है। महोदया, इस विभाग के मंत्री एक बहुत वरिष्ट मंत्री है। इस लोग आशा करते हैं कि जो काम आप के पूर्वीधकारी नहीं कर पाए हैं. उसे आप करें और हमारे बच्चों को उन का बचपन लौटा दें। हर बच्चा आप से यह मांग कर रहा है कि आप मुद्रो मेरा बचपन वापिस कर दीजिए। इसलिए मेरा भी सरकार से निवेदन है कि आप बच्चों को उन का बचपन वापिस कर दीजिए। धन्यवाद।

SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to thank you for having given me this opportunity to associate myself with sentiments expressed by my colleagues, Shri Satish Agarwal and others. I just want to focus on some other aspect concerning the CBSE examinations. madam, after all, what is an examination? A examination is a process by which you make comparative evaluation of the merit of students. Madam, for the last few years, the CBSE have been giving three sets of questions papers for the same examination for the class ten and class twelve. For the tenth class examination and the twelth class examination, there are three sets of question papers for each exam. Madam, the reason given for this is to avoid copying. If students are copying in the examination, they should have invigilators to stop them from copying. Setting three sets of question papers for each exam is no answer. When you are making a comparative evaluation, when competition is very, very keen these days, even half a mark or one mark can make a lot of difference. It is not fair at all to give three sets of questions for the same examination and for the same standard in the same subject. I think this is quite ridiculous. I think this has been going on for the last three or four years. This is not the way an examination

system should function in respect of physics paper or mathematics paper or chemistry paper. You cannot have three sets of question papers for class ten and class twelve for the same Board. I hope the hon. Minister would take note and see that this is remedied in future. Thank vou.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Prof. Bharati Ray, do you have anything more left to add to it?

(SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, I have got one small point. As far as I understand, threre are two issues here. One is questions are difficult to answer and the other is questions are out of syllabus. I think...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Questions are vague.

PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Yes, questions are vague and out of syllabus also. I think students must not suffer. There is one point which has not been mentioned so far. There is not only the point of questions coming out of syllabus, but there is pressure at school and at home also. I would beg your kind favour to allow a Short Duration Discussion on the examination system prevailing in this country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Salim, do you have anything more to say on this? if there was no other work, then, we could have continued with this.

SHRI MD. SALIM (WEST BEN-GAL): Madam Deputy Chairman, I will be very brief. As you know, I always used to raise issues relating to the students and their education. The question is we have failed, as a nation, in almost all the examinations. It is a kind of sadism that we are torturing our students and young people in the name of examinations. There should be a system of continuous evaluation instead of one day examination on an annual basis. The Minister of Human Resource Development is here. He should take an initiative and the Department of Education should take an initiate by involving all the experts, academicians and students' leaders in arriving at a solution. जब भी एक लीकेज होगी, हम यहां इंगामा करेंगे, कुछ प्रेस मार्कस मांगेंगे और कुछ जगह पर कुछ एजीटेशन होंगे। इससे जो मैलोडी हमारी एजुकेशन में है, वह खतम होने वाली नहीं है। इस पर जरा सीरियस अटेन्शन देने की जरूरत है। मैं चाहंगा, हमारे मिनिस्टर बोम्मई साहब यहां हैं. आप यहां के सीनियर मैम्बर भी हैं, वह हमें एखोर करें कि उनका डिपार्टमेंट और यह गवर्नमेंट काफी तवज्जह देगी इस मामले में और सीरियसली इस पर विचार करेगी। मै यह भी चाहंगा कि जो रिपोर्ट दे रखी है, उससे कड़ नतीजा निकालकर हमारे बच्चों के, जैसा जोगी जी ने कहा, उनके बचपन को लौटाने के लिए कुछ कोशिश

Education should be a fun, not a torture.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, I am also agitated on this issue because I started my career as a teacher. I think the most responsible job of a teacher is to impart education. Our country has guru-shishya parampara. But, unfortunately the examination system in our country is to find out how much a child doesn't know, not to find out how much a child knows. That is the malady. So, I

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feel that there should be a very serious thinking on it. Even after fifty years of our independence, we are going to follow the system of British examination pattern. It is wrong. Even they have changed their examination pattern. The examination should be more positive as to how much a child knows. That should be the attitude. If students especially in the lower classes and up to 10th class are committing suicide, it is because they are unable to compete. I think it is a torture for the coming generation. Whatever you are going to say in the House, we would appreciate it. But I would suggest that in the next session of Parliament, we should have a full-fledged discussion regarding our education policy and more specifically about examination policy. I am making this announcement, Mr. Minister, I am making this suggestion. I would request the Chairman to give permission. Within one month's period, you will be able to collect all the information regarding it and all the suggestions you can get from outside, from experts, and come back to the House so that we can really evolve a good examination policy which will help our children. On these comments ...(Interruptions).

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: What about the present problem? Let him react.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He would answer.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): Madam, I highly appreciate the concern and sentiments expressed by hon. Members about the future of students and the hardships they are facing during the examinations because of the question papers being lengthy, out of the syllabus and difficult ones. I would only say this. When I saw in the Press the news about these question papers, immediately I asked my department officers to have a discussion with the Chairman of the CBSE. He is seized of the matter. Again, about this mathematics paper, I read. Today, Members have also raised it. The matter will be thoroughly discussed with the authorities concerned and also with the Chairman and we would try to find the appropriate solution.

So far as the policy of education and examination is concerned. I welcome the suggestion by the Chair. Let there be a debate. Let there be a discussion. From the day of Independence up-till-now, we have got a number of reports which experts have given. And we have been experimenting with the future of the younger generation. We are continuously going on experimenting with their fate and future. Therefore, I welcome this suggestion. Let there be a fullfledged discussion on the education policy as well as on the examination policy. Time may be given for that. But it may not be possible to get all the suggestions within a month.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whatever you can get.

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: With whatever is possible, whenever a date is fixed for the discussion, I will prepare myself, I will place before the House what the view of the Government is so far as the education policy is concerned, so far as the examination policy is concerned.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Minister. I assure you that we will find the time for it.

श्री एस॰ एस॰ अहल्वालियाः मैडम, इन्तिहान के रिज़ल्दस टाइमली आने चाहिए, लेट नहीं होने चाहिए। तो मंत्री जी इसके बारे में भी तो ऐश्योरेंस दें कि वे यहमली आएंगे।

It should not be delayed. The results should not be delayed.

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श्री जिलोकी नाथ चतुर्देदी (उत्तर प्रदेश)ः उपसभापति महोदया. मैं अपने जिले फरूखाबाद की समस्याओं की तरफ आपके माध्यम से सरकार का ध्यान दिलाना चाहता है। महोदया, वहां कुछ समस्याएं तात्कालिक है और कुछ दीर्घकालीन है। इन दोनों की क्जह से वहां के किसान और जनता बहुत ही परेशान