

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND WELFARE

SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR (Karnataka): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on Demands for Grants (1993-94) of the Ministry of Welfare.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA (Punjab): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Report of the Standing Committee on Communications on Demands for Grants (1993-94) of the Ministry of Communications including (i) Postal Services and (ii) Telecommunication Services.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement regarding Government Business. Mrs. Margaret Alva.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Madam, where is the Parliamentary Affairs Minister?

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 दाईं बज्र हों जाएंगे।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): What has happened to the Minister?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She may be in the other House.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: That is true, but she should have asked somebody to do it on her behalf. The House cannot be taken for granted. Kindly summon the Minister and ask the Minister to explain as to why she could not turn up. Alternatively she could have requested somebody else to do the job.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I think the Minister is in the other House.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Madam, this is no excuse. Every time Rajya Sabha is in session, Lok Sabha will also be in session. So, this is no excuse.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Secondly, the Minister has not taken the House seriously enough. If for any reason she could not come, she could have easily asked one of her colleagues to do the job. She could have obtained permission from you. It appears that she is totally oblivious.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will ask her to lay the Report at 2.30.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: But she must explain, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is a statement about the Government business. She can lay it at 2 o'clock. But they should not do it. There are so many Ministers and Parliamentary Affairs Ministers. Anybody could have done that.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, the Leader of the House is sitting in such a lonely way without any supporter at the back.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is not only the Leader of the House but he is also the Home Minister.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: We are very much here to support him.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: He is the Leader of the House supported by the Opposition.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Leader of the House is also the Home Minister. He supports and protects all of us in the country—in this House and outside.