

श्री सुबाध कान्त सहाय : उपसभापति महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करना हूँ कि—

यह बिल पारित किया जाए।

*The question was put and the motion was adopted.*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Prof. Madhu Dandavate is here. I would ask him to move his Statutory Resolution. (*Interruptions*) There was a discussion between the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of various parties and groups. They decided that the Statutory Resolution will be taken up first and the Industrial Policy will be taken up later.

# **STATUTORY RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN BASIC EXCISE DUTY ON MOTOR-CARS AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : Madam, I beg to move the following Resolution:

“That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (Act No. 5 of 1986), this House approves the notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 136/90-Central Excise, GSR 721(E), dated the 22nd August, 1990, laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1990, increasing the basic excise duty leviable on motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of the persons (other than those of Heading No. 87.02) including station wagons and racing cars from 40% *ad valorem* to 50% *ad valorem* from the date of issue of the said notification.”

[The Vice-Chairman (Prof. Chandresh P. Thakur) in the Chair.]

Sir, when I had made the statement before the House, many clarifications were sought. I have with me the records of the Rajya Sabha proceedings in which clarifications running into 26 pages have already been offered by me. So, it is only a technical Resolution. I request that the House may adopt it unanimously without any discussion.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): There are two amendments, one by Shri S.S. Ahluwalia and the other by Mr. V. Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Sir, I move the following amendment:

That after the said Resolution, the following be added, namely:—

“Subject to the condition that Government enforces strictly the ban on use of Government vehicles on weekly holidays.”

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): Sir, I move the following Resolution:

That after the said Resolution, the following be added, namely:—

“provided that this notification shall cease to have effect upon the situation in the Gulf improving and petroleum products becoming easily available for domestic consumption.”

*The questions were proposed*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Narayanasamy, please speak briefly and then your amendment will be put to vote. Please finish in two minutes.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I went through the Statement made by the hon. Minister and also the clarification sought by the hon. Members. The Minister has mentioned in his Statement that the curb on the use of vehicles by the Central Government offices

[Shri V. Narayanasamy]

has to be Considered. Sir, my amendment is very specific. I want the following amendment to be added after the Resolution :

“Subject to the condition that the Government enforces strictly the ban on use of Government vehicles on weekly holidays.”

Sir, if you go through the record of use of vehicles, the Government vehicles alone consume more than 52 per cent of fuel that is being used. Private vehicles consume only 48 per cent. I saw the advertisement in the T.V. Mr. Upendra has given an advertisement in the T.V. entitled “Save Petrol”. He shows the vehicles on the roads and tells the consumers, especially the public, to keep their vehicles off the road for a day, i.e. on holidays. I welcome it. But the thing is that the same is not being adopted in Government offices, whether the Central Government offices or the State Government offices. If petrol is saved by keeping the vehicles off the road for two days, i.e. Saturdays and Sundays, then the Government can save to the extent of 52 per cent which is being used every day by the Government. Sir, apart from that, the vehicles are being used by the bureaucrats and the persons who are holding high offices. Those persons who are not eligible to keep vehicles are also using the vehicles in Government offices. There is no restriction. There are no proper guidelines in Government offices for the purpose of using vehicles. Sir, I should say that the officer who uses the vehicle for the official work takes it to his house, and there in his house the vehicle is being used as his own. There is no restriction. There is no control.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Narayanasamy...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: am concluding, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): The Minister has listened to you very carefully. I am sure, he will look into it.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Sir, I am not going out of the scope. About the use of vehicles by the officers, I want the Finance Minister to consider my amendment because the Finance Minister in his statement has said about the use of the vehicles in the Central Government offices. What about the State Government offices? There is no statement with regard to it. Therefore, I feel that my Amendment may be added after the Resolution so that the Government officials will have at least the moral fear and do not use the Government vehicles. The orders may be sent by the Minister. It will be of no use if there is no enforcing machinery. When the high officials are using the vehicles, the officials at the lower level also make more use of the vehicles. Therefore, strict discipline has to be maintained in using the vehicles by the Central and State Government officials. And the Finance Minister must have a monitoring agency to oversee the control.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Ahluwalia, do you want to speak on your Amendment?

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): If the Minister accepts it, he need not speak.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I have said in the statement; I will reply.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Ahluwalia, I am sure, you are tired today.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : (बिहार) I am not tired, Sir.

अभी थोड़ा बोलना है मुझे । अभी दो चार और रिजोल्यूशन हैं मेरे । मैं जितनी

तनख्वाह सदन से लेता हूँ, उतना काम भी करता हूँ ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, यह नेशनल फ्रंट सरकार ने आते ही पहले तो तेल की कीमत बढ़ाई और यह कहा कि यह तेल की कीमत इसलिए बढ़ाई जा रही है कि पेट्रोल की कंजमशन लोग कम कर देंगे और उसके साथ-साथ ही उन्होंने 24 घंटे को काम करके 12 घंटे ही पेट्रोल पंप खुले रहने के लिए कहा । पहले तो रविवार को भी बंद कर दिया और उसके बाद टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में इतना बढ़िया कार्टून बना, वह देखकर इन्होंने कहा कि यह तो गड़बड़ हो रहा है, तो रविवार को भी आधे दिन खोलने की संभावना शुरू हुई । . . . (व्यवधान) . . .

उपसभाध्यक्ष : (प्रो० चंद्रेश पी० ठाकुर) : अमेंडमेंट पर आइए ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजी सिंह अहलवालिया : अमेंडमेंट को एक्सप्लेन करने के लिए भी कुछ तो कहना पड़ेगा । आप क्यों धबरा रहे हैं मधु दण्डवते जी ?

प्रो० मधु दंडवते : मैंने कहा जितने आपके विचार सफ हैं, उतना अमेंडमेंट सफ है ।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजी सिंह अहलवालिया) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, उसके बाद अब यह बात आई और इन्होंने 22 तारीख को जो स्टेटमेंट दिया उसमें कहा कि मिडल ईस्ट में जो कुछ गड़बड़ हो रही है उसके कारण हमें तेल की खपत कम करनी पड़ेगी और उसको कम करने के लिए तेल की कीमत तो नहीं बढ़ाई पर गाड़ियों की कीमत बढ़ाई गई और 10 परसेंट एक्साइज बढ़ा दी गई, उसमें डेप्रिसिएशन कम कर दिया गया । तो मेरा कहना है महोदय कि सरकार ने जो गाड़ियां खरीदने के लिए एम्बेसेडर कम्पनी को और मास्ती कम्पनी को जो आर्डर भेजे हुए थे, डिफरेंट पब्लिक ग्रैंडटेकिंग्स ने और गवर्नमेंट ने, वे क्या आपने कंसिल कर दिए हैं ? आपने वह सारे आर्डर कंसिल किए हैं क्या ? अगर नहीं किए

हैं, मुझे पता है कि सरकार की हजारों गाड़ियों के आर्डर मास्ती के और हिन्दुस्तान मोटर्स के पास पेंडिंग पड़े हैं और जिसको डिलवरी टाइम टु टाइम आने वाली है, उन आर्डर्स को क्या सरकार ने और पब्लिक ग्रैंडटेकिंग्स ने और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट ने कंसिल दिया है ? अगर नहीं किया है तो क्यों नहीं किया है अगर आप नहीं करते तो क्या आप समझते हैं कि जनता जनार्दन यह 10 परसेंट एक्साइज ज्यादा देकर गाड़ी नहीं खरीदेगी ? जो आदमी डेढ़ या दो लाख की कार खरीदता है वह पेट्रोल नहीं खरीदेगा यह बात मुझे समझ नहीं आई । लेकिन फिर भी मैं आपके स्टेच्युटरी रिजोल्यूशन के समर्थन में खड़ा हूँ और मैं समझता हूँ कि मिडल ईस्ट में जो कुछ हो रहा है और तेल की खपत कम करने की जरूरत है क्योंकि एक नेशनल प्रोब्लम है, मैं आप सहमत हूँ । किन्तु मैं जो अपनी अमेंडमेंट देना चाहता हूँ और आपके रिजोल्यूशन के नीचे मैं सिर्फ इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ :—

That after the said Resolution, the following be added, namely:—

“Provided that this otification shall cease to have effect upon the situation in the Gulf improving and petroleum products becoming easily available for domestic consumption.”

कल को अगर ऐसी घटना घट जाती है, वहां सिचुएशन सुधर जाती है और पेट्रोलियम प्राडक्ट इजीली मिल जाता है तो यह जो आर्डर है आप उसको उसी वक्त खत्म कर देंगे यही मेरा आपसे उम्मीद है और मैं समझता हूँ कि आप समझदार मंत्री, सम्य और शालीन मंत्री के रूप में जरूर इसको एक्सेप्ट करेंगे । धन्यवाद ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN  
(PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Since there are not any more speakers...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I would like to reply.

**LEADER OF THE HOUSE**  
**(SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY):** There need not be any discussion on this.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** I would just take a minute to say something in regard to the amendments that have been moved.

First of all, I accept the spirit of the amendments. In fact, I anticipated Mr. Narayanasamy's amendment. In this connection, I would just read out paragraph 3 of the statement which I made on 22nd August, 1990. It was stated therein:

"We can cope with the present situation if all of us together agree to make a small sacrifice. As part of a programme for curbing the demand for oil, it has been decided that the Central Government Staff cars/vehicles will not be used on Sundays. Public sector units will follow the same rule on Sundays. State Governments are also being requested to adopt this rule."

I would draw the attention of Mr. Narayanasamy to this sentence, "State Governments are also being requested to adopt this rule". Therefore, the spirit of his amendment has already been incorporated in this statement. The executive order has gone. In regard to the State Governments, since we have a federal polity, it is not good to dictate terms to the State Governments. Therefore, we have requested them and I think, many State Governments, whether Congress or non-Congress, are in a mood to listen to the request that we have made to them. Therefore, while accepting the spirit of his amendment, I would request Mr. Narayanasamy not to press his amendment.

**SHRI S. B. CHAVAN (Maharashtra):** You may not use your staff car. But private cars may be in use. How is it going to result in saving of petrol?

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** Shankarraoji has raised very correct point. If one is not going to use the Government car on Sundays, one cuts down the expenditure on the Government car. That much consumption is avoided. But if I have a private car and if I use the Government car and my family members also make use of the private car, to that extent, the consumption goes up. We have found out. After this is done, as far as the officers' cars are concerned, they will be locked up in the garage on Sundays and, therefore, there is no question of using them. As far as the Ministers are concerned, they have been asked to draw up their programme in such a manner that they will not use the Government cars but will make use of their private vehicles. But as far as the additional consumption that was taking place by the movement of the staff cars is concerned, that will be avoided. This is what I wanted to say in regard to Mr. Narayanasamy's amendment.

As far as the amendment of Mr. Ahluwalia is concerned, I think he is one of the most thoughtful Members of this House. He always supports saner things. Therefore, while appreciating his sanity and sobriety, I would request him that since the issue he has raised is already incorporated in paragraph 2 of my earlier statement, he need not press his amendment.

**श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया:**  
 इससे बढ़िया प्रपोजिशन और क्या दे सकता हूँ। आप उसको भी कहते हैं कि प्रेस मत करो।

**SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra):** It is a very good amendment, Mr. Minister. You should accept it.

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR):** In the light of the respons

from the hon. Minister, Mr. Narayanasamy, would you still like to press your amendment ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Sir, I have listened to the Minister's reply. It is only a executive order. I want that this should form part of the Resolution. Therefore, I press my amendment.

THE VICE - CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Mr. Ahluwalia, what about you? Are you withdrawing your amendment?

श्री अहलुवालिया :

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): You have already spoken. Say that you withdraw.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह आहलुवालिया : मैं विज्ञापन दे चुका हूँ। मैंने कुछ बोलने का ज़रूरत महसूस की है। मैंने माननीय वित्त मंत्री महोदय से मैंने एक सवाल किया है कि आप तो सब कुछ कर रहे हैं, सरकार ने जितने आर्डर गाड़ी मर्यादित करने के दिये हैं उनको विज्ञापन कर रहे हैं। वह सारे आर्डर कैंसिल कर रहे हैं आप या नहीं कर रहे हैं। पहली बात। दूसरी बात, आज तक आपने तेल के कंजमेशन को कम करने के लिये बहुत सारे तरिके अपनाये—बेल का कामन बढ़ाया, गाड़ी की कामत बढ़ाया। क्या आपने गाड़ी बनाने वाले कारखानों को, उनके मालिकों को कोई ऐसी चिट्ठी लिखी है कि आप अपनी मूल एफिसियेंसी बढ़ाईये। अगर नहीं बढ़ाते हैं तो आपकी इंस्टालड कपेसिटी कम कर दी जायेगी। आपने ऐसा कोई चिट्ठी लिखी है? अगर नहीं बढ़ाते हैं तो उसको इंस्टाल कपेसिटी कम कर दी जाएगी। आपने कोई ऐसी चिट्ठी लिखी है क्या? इन चीजों का स्पष्ट कीजिए।

समाध्यक्ष ( प्रो० चंद्रेश पी० ठाकुर ) : विचाराधीन है।

प्रो० मधु दण्डवते : नहीं, विचाराधीन नहीं है। पिछले मर्तवा जब मैंने स्टेटमेंट दिया तो कुछ मुद्दों के सिलसिले में मैंने स्पष्टता के साथ कहा था कि हमारी मूल अपील यह है कि जब नए डिजाइन्स आप तैयार करते हैं तो वे एफिसियंट हों चाहिए। हम लोगो ने यह भी कहा है कि एक्साइज ड्यूटी जब हमने इस तरह से चेंज की है और साथ ही साथ हम लोगो ने दूसरे भी चेंजेज किए हैं तो उनका वजह नई कार खरीदने वालों के लिए यह डिस्टर्बेंटिव होगा। यह पिछले मर्तवा मैंने कहा था।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह आहलुवालिया : आर्डर कैंसिल किए हैं क्या? आप लोगो को कहते हैं कि मत खरीदिए ... (व्यवधान)

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): So, are you pressing your amendments?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Yes, I am pressing my amendment.

THE VICE - CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): I put both the amendments together to vote.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : We do not want both the amendments together.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : I suggest that both the amendments be defeated separately.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Your intention is *mala fide* not *bona fide*.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Please sit down. I am putting the amendment to vote. (Interruptions) No, no, nothing after this will go on record. Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down. (Interruptions).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : \*

\*Not recorded.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): I am putting Amendment No. 2 of Shri V. Narayanasamy to vote.

*Amendment No. (2) was negatived.*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Now I am putting the Amendment of Shri S. S. Ahluwalia to vote.

*The Amendment was negatived.*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Now I put the following Statutory Resolution moved by Prof. Madhu Dandavate to vote:

"That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (Act No. 5 of 1986) this House approves the notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 136/90-Central Excise, GSR 721 (E), dated the 22nd August, 1990, laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1990, increasing the basic excise duty leviable on motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of the persons (other than those of Heading No. 87.02) including station wagons and racing cars from 40% *ad valorem* to 50% *ad valorem* from the date of issue of the said notification".

*The motion was adopted.*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Now we take up clarifications on the statement of the Minister of Finance regarding the Budgetary Deficit.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Are we not taking up the discussion on the new Industrial Policy?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: We have agreed to take up this matter. He has only to reply. The clarifications have been asked.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Let me see the List of Business.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : We should have been informed earlier. You are taking us by surprise.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : It was demanded by the opposition and also by the ruling party. In the List of Business also it is the discussion on the Industrial Policy and not the clarifications.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Why don't you take up the discussion on Industrial Policy ? Clarifications can be taken up tomorrow.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: We have agreed to take up clarifications soon after this. We have met your Leader and the Deputy Leader.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: I do not mind but at 2 30 at least you should have told us.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I am not barring anything at all. We said that it has to be taken up immediately after this and that is what we are doing.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI (Madhya Pradesh): You should have informed us.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Even now we can take the sense of the House. My only request is that this may be taken up now.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: But you should have told the House...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Even if you do not want, I am here to give clarifications. I do not mind.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : But you should have informed us.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR) : Let me draw the attention of the Leader of the House to this that a lot of Members. . .

**SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:** May I repeat, Sir...

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR):** Let me make this clear. Please sit down. The question is, is the House going to discuss further the Industrial Policy Resolution or not?

**SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:** It is going to discuss.

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR):** The impression that has been created is that some arrangement has been made between you and, I do not know, whom that there will be no further discussion. That is creating a lot of problem.

**SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:** No, no, my only request is that after the clarifications on the budgetary deficit, it should be taken up.

**SHRI JAGESH DESAI:** Then my point remains. Whatever was the decision between the leaders in the morning or before lunch, at 2.30 p.m. you should have told us that this will be done like this.

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR):** Your point is well taken. Further discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution is very much on the agenda. Now the question is, when are you going to get time for that? I hope before the end of this session it will be taken up and this House, in fairness to the Industrial Policy, will not allow it to lapse. It will be a very unfortunate situation. It will raise a question of doubt against the Government.

**SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:** May I say, you take up and finish this one and you take up Industrial Policy immediately afterwards. I have no objection.

**SHRI JAGESH DESAI:** At what time? Beyond 6 o'clock, we are not going to sit.

**SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:** You say both. What is all this?

**SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:** What is the List of Business for today you cannot modify it. Supposing, as you say, the Leader of the Opposition agreed, we agree, but where is the time today?

**SHRI JAGESH DESAI :** You should have told us at 2.30. You take us for granted.

**SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:** I draw your attention to the fact that we are upsetting the agenda which has been given to all of us. What Mr. Jagesh Desai is pointing out is what should have been done. If both the Leaders sitting together have taken some decision, my friend seems not to have been informed by our leader about the change in the agenda.

Now I request, since the Minister of Industry is here, let us start the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution and then we should take up clarifications. There is nothing sacrosanct that the clarifications must be taken up first. I would request Mr. Gurupadaswamy, whatever it is, we are keen to participate in the discussion on the Industrial Policy Resolution and as the Vice-Chairman has rightly stated, we are more agitated on that policy rather than these clarifications which are not going to take us much further. This is what we feel. You react to it, you say it is okay.

**SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar):** I am as much interested in the discussion on the Industrial Policy as anybody else in this House. But if there has been an understanding reached between the Leaders on both sides then according to that understanding let this matter be taken up first and immediately after that, let us take up the Industrial Policy. On the other hand for me it is difficult to understand that every day, most of us express our great concern for the fact that we are not taking up the Industrial Policy and we are not taking up this important

subject and when that important subject comes up, at 6 o'clock we are all eager to run away. This is something which we must stop. We cannot go on like this.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Why can't we sit beyond 6 o'clock if there is sincerity of purpose?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR): Is that the bargaining point?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Let me just remind you that in this House we have sat up late to conduct important business in which not only the Government but even the Members are interested. I put Industrial Policy in that category where we are more interested perhaps than anybody else. So we should be prepared to sit beyond 6 o'clock.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Mr. Yashwant Sinha has said that at six, we run away. This is the time of the House. Whether we sit or what we do is the Unanimous choice of the whole House. Whether we want to sit upto 10 o'clock today night—that is something different. But, whatever agreement has been reached between the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition, that has not percolated to the Members and we are going as per the agenda and we are ready as per the agenda. So, without wasting time, please go ahead with the new Industrial Policy.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : In that case I suggest to the House, in the agenda we have got three more subjects and all the subjects have got to be taken up today. We should sit till midnight

...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): No, not till midnight.

...(Interruptions)...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : How do you expect us to sit up to midnight?

...(Interruptions)...

SHRI M.S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : You want a discussion and, at the same time, you want to go away at six o'clock. It is not possible. How do you have both? ..(interruption).. I have no objection. I am going to give dinner to all the Members. Let us sit through and finish the entire business on the agenda today. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA (Bihar): This is not such a big issue...(Interruption)... or else, you can take a vote if the Vice Chairman decides it that way. ...(Interruptions)... I think that the Leader of the House should accommodate the Opposition to some extent. What is there?

...(Interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR) : Let me make the position clear. If I understand the spirit of the House—this is for the attention of the Leader of the House—an impression has been created for one reason or the other because, at one time, unfortunately, the Industry Minister fell sick. At other times, because of pressure of business or because of Members' interest in clarifications on a particular item—by such Members not being within the range of the time feasible—the new Industrial Policy has definitely been rolled over beyond any sort of reasonable limit. In view of the fact that the new Industrial Policy, for better or worse, has turned out to be a controversial area where a lot of interest is there, I see totally no reason why the spirit of the House should not have been taken into consideration in giving it priority in terms of timing either today or the other day. Personally I will be less than honest in this Chair ... (Interruptions)...



SHRI M.S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : Sir ....

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : The Chair is on hi legs...

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR) : Let me complete. I fully appreciate it that the Leader of the House is interested in the discussion on the new Industrial Policy. He is not against its being further discussed. It is a matter of fact that the Minister is literally sitting here today although he has an important engagement. He is interested in the discussion. It is for the House to decide how to organise the order of business. What has happened is that today some discussion took place and, apparently, its message has not come. So people are asking for priority. Now, how to appreciate everybody's concern, that is, the whole agenda? The only thing I can see is, there are two items. One is, should we sit beyond six or not?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : NO !

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR) : Just a minute, Madam. And the other is, what should be the order? Should it be the new Industrial Policy which is listed and which is being rolled over day after day or, further clarifications on the Finance Minister's statement? There are the two simple things. So I don't think there is a need for rising tempers.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : Sir, here are important subjects on the agenda today. I think, still there are three subjects to be covered, and we are running short of time. Till today we have not been sitting beyond six o'clock. I do

not know for what reason. In the past we have been sitting beyond six o'clock also whenever there was a necessity, there was a need. We have got important items on the agenda not only for today but also for the subsequent days. Therefore, We thought that this agenda should be finished today. My friend, my colleague is here. When he is here, I thought, he should finish both these items so that the Industrial Policy can be taken up later. I am not coming in the way of any debate on anything at all. My only request is that the House should sit beyond six o'clock. otherwise you cannot finish it. You cannot have it both ways. You cannot adjourn at six o'clock and at the same time have a debate. Therefore, We have to sit beyond six o'clock also. It is the decision of the Business Advisory Committee also. We have sat in the past. It is not a question of voting. We have to sit beyond six o'clock. This is my submission to you.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Sir, I have a submission. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Let us start and finish the policy after six o'clock. What is there? We can sit up to seven o'clock.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR) : Well, this is your view. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : That is not the question. If the House has to sit beyond six o'clock ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : Let us sit beyond six o'clock. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : There is no question of majority or minority.

SHRI YASWANT SINHA : Mr. Vice-Chairman, I am very surprised that senior Members of

[Shri Yashwant Sinha]

this House are making out as if six o'clock is a *Lakshman-Rekha*. We have sat here until two o'clock in the morning. There is no reason why we cannot sit. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Mr. Vice-Chairman, I think the Leader of the House will also consider all aspects of the question. Every time you cannot give a surprise. First of all, according to the order in which the business has been shown, there is no rhyme or reason why that order should be changed. That is the first surprise. Now you are trying to put conditions all of a sudden. If we know from the beginning that we have to sit beyond six, certainly everybody will try to adjust his programme accordingly. At this stage, if you tell us that we will have to sit till midnight, is this a condition?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY : That is the decision of the Business Advisory Committee.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : Actually my objection is only for the surprise. Don't give us surprise. Tell us in the beginning that we will have to sit till about eight o'clock, nine o'clock. I have no objection. But you change the order, and in order to adjust this programme you are trying to force us to sit till midnight and to be prepared for that. It is a kind of threat that if we do not agree, then this is the ordeal through which we will have to pass. I don't think that it is fair to the House. So, don't take us for granted. Hereafter I do not know whether we will have to insist that if there is any agreement between the two leaders, it will have to be announced on the floor of the House.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, Mr. Yashwant Sinha just said, "as if it is a *Lakshman-Rekha*." They are accusing us of not being sincere. It is not a question of sincerity. We are equally interested in discussing each issue. (*Interruptions*).

[THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) In the Chair]

I resent your remark, Mr. Sen. You do not have the monopoly of sincerity. If you are to start exchanging personal remarks . . . (*Interruptions*) Sir, I treat that remark with the contempt it deserves and ignore it.

My point is that the issue of Industrial Policy we have been raising every day in the House.

Sir, may I have your attention?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : Let me sort it out.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I want to say something. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : Let us not waste time on this.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI NATARAJAN : Sir, this is not a matter for only the leader to sort out. It is a matter on which we have to say something. Chairman should not wait for their discussion to conclude.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : Yes, Please go ahead.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : We have had enough of private discussion on this. The House also should be taken into confidence. Several times we have raised that the Industrial Policy is not being taken up at all.

5-00 P.M.

Has Mr. Yashwant Sinha any time raised the matter in the House that the Industrial Policy was not being taken up in the House? They suddenly enter into a private agreement at our back without taking the House into confidence.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : Not private. You leader . . .

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : We don't know up to this time till what time we have to sit and then we are told suddenly that we have to sit till 12 o'clock. I think they should also take the House into confidence.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : May I request the Members not to be agitated ? (*Interruptions*) If the Members want the Industrial Policy should be discussed, I think the Leader of the House should agree. Let us begin with the Industrial Policy and we will conclude it, if possible.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Sir, there are some Members on this side also, who want to speak.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : If they want Industrial Policy should be taken up, I have no objection at all. Let the Industrial Policy be finished and also the other one, because the other one also has to be finished. That is what I want to say.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Let us go ahead with the Industrial Policy.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : I want to make it clear that we have to sit beyond 6 o'clock.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : There should be no precondition. We don't want any precondition. If the decision is that we have to discuss a subject agreed upon by the leaders, we resent that

agreement. (*Interruptions*) We want the Industrial Policy to be taken up. That is the consensus of the House. Since the House wants that the Industrial Policy should be taken up, it should be taken up. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : They are treating us as bonded labour. We are not bonded labour.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI : The hon. Member, Shri Chavan, said they would not object to sitting after six, if it was not a short notice sprung upon them. May I make a submission that at least for tomorrow let us sit till 8 or 9 p.m. I think this will be enough notice. I would request the other side to consider this. At least tomorrow evening let us sit till 8 or 9 p.m.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Today up to 6 p.m. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI (Uttar Pradesh) : This is your constructive cooperation.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) : I have heard much of the noise and points of view of the hon. Members. Now, let me make the position clear. We will take up the Industrial Policy no doubt. But according to the schedule, which I am reading before you, only half-an-hour is left for the discussion of the Industrial Policy. So, if you want to utilise the half-an-hour, I will just take up the Industrial policy. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : I would like to remind that if it is the unanimous view of the Members, we can extend the time to give priority to the . . . (*interruptions*) kindly hear me. Mr. Yashwant Sinha was speaking from the other side. It is on record . If the Members agree, if more time is needed on the Industrial Policy, it can be extended.

[Shri V. Narayana Samy]

It is on record and it can be verified.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Then let us do one thing. You can finish off with clarifications and then discuss the Industrial Policy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It should be taken up now. That is the consensus of the House.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: May I make a suggestion? If they are so keen, let us start with the Industrial Policy. We may sit upto 6 o'clock, because they say we have not given them previous notice. Today only we decide that tomorrow even if you are to sit up till 8 or 9, we will continue that. Today we can carry on upto 6 o'clock.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: I want to say something on what Prof. Dandavate has said. (*Interruptions*) Here I am referring to the precedent. It happened like this earlier. It was said if the Opposition was not prepared, we shall sit and consume our time and as far as the time of the Opposition is concerned, that will speak the next day. It was done like that. If they want to sit upto 6 o'clock, they can utilise that time. But we will utilise our time next day. We will not sit beyond 6 o'clock. It is on record and we shall go accordingly.

#### SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION ON THE NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY—Contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Now, we will take up Industrial policy and we will try to conclude it today.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): That means I will not be required for replying to the clarifications today.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Now, Prof. Chandresh P. Thakur.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR (Bihar): What about Pramod Mahajan?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Pramod Mahajan is not here. You can begin.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR (Uttar Pradesh): No.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: You cannot speak for him.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: We have substituted Mr. Sikander Bakht's name in the place of Mr. Pramod Mahajan.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I am calling Mr. Sikander Bakht's name.

श्री सिकंदर बख्त (मध्य प्रदेश) : इतना नान मॉरियस बना दिया है कि ... (व्यवधान) क्या कोई जेहन बनाएगा बोलने के लिए। मैं बहुत ज्यादा माफी चाहता हूँ।

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