

is meant for sale in India. This means, cardamom cultivators in India will perish and the workers will be ruined. Not only that. It will also run the evergreen forests where, under the trees, cardamom is grown.

This is a serious situation. The Finance Minister, Prof. Madhu Dandavate, is here. He is aware of it. He is also the one who uses cardamom. Cardamom is a precious spice of India. Guatemala is our competitor. Guatemala used to produce 2,000 tonnes of cardamom. Now, Guatemala is producing 11,000 tonnes. In a way, they are prepared to change their cultivation, from cardamom to coffee, so that they can get more price. But now, they have found a clandestine method of spoiling the Indian market and usurping India's place in the international market. Therefore, they are taking recourse to this method. I would request the Government to kindly see that any clandestine smuggling of cardamom into India is stopped. At the time when you negotiate a trade protocol with Nepal, you can tell them that India can supply the necessary quantity of cardamom required by Nepal at a reasonable price. This also can be thought of when you conduct negotiations with Nepal for signing a trade protocol.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, after a long time, Mr. Jacob has spoken. He has made Special Mention. We welcome him.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): It is his maiden Special Mention.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is a very Special Mention. I know more about the value of cardamom than anybody else these days because when I have to raise my voice I take cardamom. Please take care of it.

SHRI T. R. BALU (Tamil Nadu): This is a recommendation from the Chair.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): I will take care of it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have sympathy for my throat. Shri Kapil Verma.

Pakistan's Advertisement for Recruitment of youth for subversion in Kashmir

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I rise to draw the attention of the House to an issue which must cause great concern to the whole nation.

The Pakistani Army has openly advertised in the Pakistani daily 'Nawa-e-Waqt', calling for recruits from the occupied Kashmir for the so-called Mujahideen force, with a provision for training of six weeks. Obviously, this is for subversive activities in Jammu and Kashmir. This is a clear evidence of Pakistan's assistance to subversion in Jammu and Kashmir. This is nothing but a direct intervention by the Pakistani Army in our internal affairs.

Sofar, they were secretly conducting camps and giving them arms. But now, they are doing it openly. This is no wonder. Only the other day, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mrs. Benazir Bhutto, while speaking at Muzaffarabad in occupied Kashmir, said that Pakistan would support all the 'struggle' said to be going on in the name of right of self-determination. Mrs. Bhutto also declared that she would not compromise at any cost—I am using her words "not compromise at any cost"—on the demand for plebiscite. Madam, so far, everything was behind the scene. Now it is all open.

[Shri Kapil Verma]

The Pakistani Army has openly advertised in the newspapers. Only this morning we heard on the B.B.C. that a still stronger declaration of support to subversion as made by Mrs. Benazir Bhutto yesterday at Lahore. As you know, yesterday was the 50th Anniversary of Pak Resolution; it was on this day fifty years ago, the demand for the formation of Pakistan was made by Mohd. Ali Jinnah at the Muslim League Session at Lahore. To commemorate the occasion, they held a big rally. Addressing the rally, Mrs. Bhutto said many things. Many must have heard it on the B.B.C. I am sure, the nation knows about it. This is a serious matter. I personally feel that something serious is coming up because she is talking all the while about it. It concerns our internal problem. In Pakistan occupied Kashmir, election is going to take place and both the IJI and Mrs. Bhutto are clashing over the election and therefore, spitting more fire than the other. Now this is a serious matter and I want the Government to let us know what the real facts are about Pak. Army activities and what they are going to do about it. It would be better if they give a statement in this House on the entire situation. They must also lodge a strong protest with the Pakistan Government that this is open interference in India's internal affairs—that the Pakistan Army has put an advertisement in their own newspapers asking for recruits to indulge in subvertive activities in India. So, this is a very serious matter and I hope the Government will take it seriously and make a statement here. Thank you.

Protest against proposed hike in power tariff by DESU

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA
(West Bengal): Madam, after the presentation of the budget, a number of interesting things have started taking place and, sometimes, it is not only interesting but intriguing

too. Today we heard a report that the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) has decided to increase the minimum tariff by 50 per cent in the case of domestic consumers, by 70 per cent in the case of small industrial consumers and by 85 per cent in the case of large industrial consumers. I do not know whether it has any link with the budget or taxation, but this is what is happening.

With this increase, the DESU have decided to increase revenue by Rs. 300 crores, and that is the way to meet their budget deficit of Rs. 260 crores. This is being done to oblige the World Bank because the World Bank is in no mood to give them a loan of about 65 million pounds sterling if they do not bridge this gap in the budget. And they need the loan from the World Bank because they have to set up some additional apparatus. Incidentally, the DESU had increased the power tariff only in 1987. This is one aspect of the Special Mention that I would like to mention.

Along with this alarming news, which puts a heavy burden on those who use power, there is a strike today in Delhi city of the three-wheelers as well as taxis. This has a direct connection with the Government's decision to increase tax on petrol and diesel. Unfortunately, petrol and diesel have become items to be taxed by successive Governments in the past. Of course, their efficacy is a matter of controversy and we will be discussing that while we discuss the budget. But, while the strike is taking place in Delhi of common modes of transport, there is an unusual upward movement in the prices of a number of essential commodities. Just within a few hours of the presentation of the budget, the prices of certain commodities started increasing. That is also perplexing. Therefore, my appeal to the Government is that they must ensure that there is no disproportionate increase as a