

Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on Ministry of Labour - Demands for Grants - 2001-2002;

- (iii) Seventeenth Report relating to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment - Demands for Grants - 2001-2002;
- (iv) Eighteenth Report relating to Ministry of Tribal Affairs on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on Ministry of Tribal Affairs - Demands for Grants 2001-2002.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI PALDEN TSERING GYAMTSO (Sikkim): Sir, I beg to lay on the table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) along with the minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto:-

- (i) Twentieth Report relating to Ministry of Tribal Affairs on the Working of the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED);
- (ii) Twenty First Report relating to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on Allocation of Funds by the Planning Commission for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

REPORT OF THE RAILWAY CONVENTION COMMITTEE

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I beg to lay on the table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Third Report of the Railway Convention Committee (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Construction of new Broad Gauge line between Kolayat and Phalodi on Strategic Consideration' along with the Minutes relating thereto.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the House.

**STATEMENT BY MINISTER AND DISCUSSION IN CONNECTION WITH
TERRORIST ATTACK ON PARLIAMENT HOUSE ON THE
13TH DECEMBER, 2001**

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir,...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, we have to get copies of the statement.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, it is a legitimate requirement of copies in both Hindi and English. As I am making the statement, the statement is being replicated and will be here in the House available in sufficient copies very shortly. Sure. In the meantime, with your permission, Sir, on behalf of my senior colleague, the Home Minister, I would like to make the following statement in connection with the terrorist attack on Parliament House on 13th December, 2001.

The ghastly attack on Parliament House on 13th December, 2001 has shocked the entire nation. The terrorist assault on the very bastion of our democracy was clearly aimed at wiping out the country's top political leadership.

It is a tribute to our security personnel that they rose to the occasion and succeeded in averting what could have been a national catastrophe. In doing so, they made the supreme sacrifice for which the country would always remain indebted to them. It is now evident that the