

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI R. R. MORARKA): Special Mention.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I want to draw the attention of the Health Minister to one thing. The point is that the pharmacists went on strike and then they called off the strike. Their pay was not given. That is all right. But you are being vindictive and stopping their promotion. Your officers in the Health Department are doing that. Please give them at least the promotion due to them.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: The hon. Member has not understood the problem.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: On my request, the pharmacists withdrew their strike. If you don't want to pay don't pay them. But why stop their promotions? It is being vindictive.

### RE. BANNING OF THE FILM 'LOK PARLOK'

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR (Madhya Pradesh): I am on the question of privilege of this House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI R. R. MORARKA): You can raise it after the Special Mentions.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Kindly permit me to make a submission. I will not take more than half a minute. It has been raised in this House on many occasions that when the House is in session and the Government takes a policy decision then it would be a matter of courtesy that the announcement is made here. Yesterday, the Government decided to ban the film 'Lok Parlok' on the ground that it hurts the religious sentiments of a section of the people. I had raised this question here on the floor of the House with the permission of the Chairman. I am happy that the Government woke up though rather late, to the need for banning this film. But is it necessary for the Government to show discourtesy to the House at every stage? Why could they not

have announced it in the House first? After all, the Members have a duty to perform and they are entitled to some consideration.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI R. R. MORARKA): It is not a policy decision. You will agree.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: It is a matter of satisfaction that they have responded to the feelings of the people. It is all right. But they could have done it in a more courteous way.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): I do not want to talk about the striking doctors because Shrimati Purabi Mukhopadhyay and others have said many things.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: Please go on to Special Mention.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Therefore, before I go to the Special Mention, I say "Talk to the doctors".

### REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED MOLESTATION OF A HARIJAN WOMAN AT A POLICE STATION IN DURG DISTRICT, MADHYA PRADESH

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: (West Bengal): I am very glad that I have got the permission to make a Special Mention about what has happened in Madhya Pradesh. Sir, here I have before me the *Indian Express*. Other newspapers have also carried this news. It is again molestation of women by policemen. Sir, I would not read very much. Here it is 1 p.m. written. "30-year old Rukmini, a Harijan woman was stripped naked beaten up at the Nandini police station last month. When she went to describe her plight, she was stopped."

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI R. R. MORARKA): Bhupesh Babu, your Special Mention concerns the