

(II) भेषज और प्रसाधन सामग्री (तीसरा सशोधन) नियम, 1977 को प्रकाशित करने वाली सा० का० नि० सं० 1172, दिनांक 10 सितम्बर, 1977 [Placed in Library for (i) and (ii) above. See No. LT-1170/71].

RESIGNATION BY SHRI BHAIRON SINGH SHEKHAWAT

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter from Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, a Member representing the State of Madhya Pradesh, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha with effect from the 5th December, 1977. I have accepted his resignation.

FIRST REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (1977-78)

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR (Maharashtra): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Paragraphs 30, 33 and 38 of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1974-75, Union Government (Defence Services).

REFERENCE TO VIOLENCE IN SWADESHI COTTON MILLS, KANPUR

MR. CHAIRMAN: Special mention by Shrimati Habibullah.

SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH (Uttar Pradesh): Thank you very much, Sir; for giving me the permission.

Sir, today in almost all the newspapers it is reported that the discontent over the non-payment of wages in the Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur; took a violent turn and twelve people were killed and over 35 injured, Sir.

the important features of this tragic event are that the poor workers had become absolutely desperate because of non-payment of their wages; obviously their families must have been starving. It is reported that the *dharna* was peaceful till the District Magistrate entered the mill. As soon as the police force entered the mill, the workers started becoming violent. Sir, what does all this indicate? It indicates that the workers have lost faith in the Government and Government machinery completely. The workers seem to think that the police is their worst enemy. Otherwise, why should they become violent at the sight of the D.M. and the police.

[Mr. Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]

Sir, I am told that after this incident terrible panic is spreading all over U.P. This indicates the prevalence of unrest among labour and complete lack of understanding between management and labour these days. Unless there is peace in the industrial sector, it will affect our national life in no small measure. I also wish to point out that whoever is responsible for the mounting tension, it is a shame that poorly paid staff of the industry and poor workers have had to pay for it with their lives on account of the wrong handling of the situation.

Sir, I also want to point out to you that this tragic event was not reported by the Akashvani either last night or this morning. What I would like to ask the Government is what immediate steps it is taking to check this terrible state of affairs. Thank you very much.