

(xiv) Annual Report on the working and activities of the Indian Overseas Bank, for the year ended the 31st December, 1975, together with the Accounts and the Auditors' Report thereon.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Food Corporations (Amendment) Ordinance 1976

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which necessitated immediate legislation by the Food Corporations (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-62/77].

THE FOOD CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1977

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Food Corporations Act, 1964.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): Sir, may I introduce some of my colleagues to the House?

1. Shri Mohan Dharia.
2. Shri Shanti Bhushan.

3. Shri Brijlal Verma.

4. Shri George Fernandes.

5. Prof. Madhu Dandavate.

6. Shri P. Ramachandran.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, a little point. It is quite interesting. I have been noticing during the last two days perhaps—Mr. Advani being a member of the Cabinet but not being the Prime Minister, is introducing his colleagues. Now, Sir, this is a departure. I am not objecting to it, I am not concerned with it. But I must point out the humour. Now, he is introducing his colleagues to us . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: As the Leader of the House.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: That also I will come to. I am bringing in good humour. Please understand. Normally, the practice has been that the Prime Minister comes and introduces his colleagues. This is the practice because he occupies first position among his colleagues. He brings his colleagues and introduces them to this House. This has been the practice. It has always been there. We have not even seen the Deputy Prime Minister—when Mr. Morarji Desai was the Deputy Prime Minister—coming and introducing any Minister. Mr. Advani, are you a prospective Deputy Prime Minister?

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Gupta, he is the Leader of the House.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Leader of the House; I will come to that. When Shri Jawaharlal Nehru introduced his colleagues, he did not introduce them as the Leader of the House. When Mrs. Gandhi came to introduce her colleagues in this