

These are the Bills which were circulated to us on Thursday, along with:

[Shri Bhupesh Gupta.] this Bulletin.
Therefore, two days' notice was not given.
They were not in our Hands for two days.

The other thing is this, and I make this point in all seriousness and stress it, that the Government goes ahead with its business regardless of the rules. Did the Governmen

t apply to you, Sir, so that you might exercise your discretionary power and waive the normal rule with regard to notice? For 24 hours we have had it in our hands, whereas for 48 hours we should have had it in our hands. Did the Government apply to you? It seems the Government takes things for granted in these matters. If you say that the Government approached you with the request that the rule should be waived and you have exercised your discretion, then I should have no objection. I am all in favour of passing the measure today. I am not quarrelling about that. I only want to place before you that taking advantage of the absent-mindedness of some of us the Government rushes business towards the end of the session. You have a slack season in the earlier part of the session and towards the end of the session the Government does not even bother about the rules of procedure of the House. It seems there are two sets of rules in this House. One is rigidly applied in the case of the Opposition and the other is waived or ignored in the case of the Treasury Benches. That should not be the rule in this House or the convention in this House. Therefore, I would request you and submit to you to exercise your discretion. You should exercise today under the rule your discretion so that we can proceed with the conduct of business in the House, and at the same time, I would request you to criticise the Government because it had not got your permission; it left it to the Opposition to seek your permission to waive the rule so that we can go ahead with the business of the House. It is improper on the part of the Government. It shows scant regard on the part of the Government towards the Rules of Procedure of the House, and above all, it shows scant regard I

on the part of the Government towards the Chairman of the House, because it does not even have the courtesy to approach you with the request that you should waive this rule in order to transact certain business. This is all I can say. You may proceed with the business; but please exercise your discretion now and then let us proceed.

SURI M. P. BHARGAVA (Uttar Pradesh) :
May I make a submission?

MR. CHAIRMAN Nafisul Hasan.

SHRI NAFISUL HASAN (Uttar Pradesh):
Sir, we have got two Houses. If any of the Bills originates in this House and copies are not made available to the hon. Members of this House, then naturally, we should have a legitimate complaint. But these two Bills were introduced in the other House and copies of these Bills, as introduced, were made available to all of us long ago. And they were passed in the very form in which they were introduced in the House. Therefore, it can not be said that their contents were not available to us. Under the circumstances, I think it is a proper case in which the Chairman should exercise his special power.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, one point I would like to submit before you consider the matter. On a point of submission, Sir. He need not brief you for the exercise of your discretion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He agrees with you.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I was surprised that the hon. Member who had been a Vice-Chairman of the House should speak like that. The Bills introduced are not the Bills within the meaning of this provision. Bills introduced there undergo changes and amendments. The Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment) Bill has come with a slight amendment and, therefore, this is no reasonable notice. The Land Acquisition Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha and it came to us yesterday with a number of amendments.

Therefore, it cannot be said that the Bill introduced in the other House means circulation under the provisions of the Rules, irrespective of whether an amendment has been made or not. This is a Bill for consideration and we are not concerned with the Bill as introduced. We are only concerned with the Bill as passed by the other House which has come up for consideration and hon. Members should know that there is a considerable difference between the Bill as introduced and as passed. We are not discussing the Bill as introduced but we are discussing the Bill as passed by the other House. Therefore, I am a little shocked and surprised that an hon. Member, an experienced Member, who had occupied the Chair, should have come out with this kind of suggestion which do not conform to the dignity of the House.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE (Maharashtra) : The hon. Member said just now that the Bill could not be circulated because it was under discussion in the Lok Sabha. But, 'Sir, we have a full-fledged Minister of Cabinet rank for Parliamentary Affairs. That Minister should have arranged the business of both Houses in such a way that the rules of procedure of this House are observed and the Bills are circulated according to the rules two days earlier. It is the responsibility of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and he should have looked to that job with greater care and he should show respect and regard to the Chair and rules of this House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bhargava.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: On a point of order, Sir. Is the Government replying? Our allegation is not against you, Sir, but it is against the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is absolutely unnecessary to labour the point. I understand it.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Mr. Chairman, many of the points raised by Mr.

Bhupesh Gupta are not very relevant. Members are seized of a Bill as soon as it comes in their hands. The Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment) Bill was circulated to Members on the 31st August. The Oil and the Natural Gas Commission Bill was circulated (Interruptions). Let me make my submission. The Industries (Development and Regulation) Bill was also in our hands on the 1st of September. Thereafter, they were considered by the Lok Sabha and were sent here. In the meantime, the business of this week was announced by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on Friday last. So, from Friday we were seized of the matter. We knew that these Bills would be considered during this week and as soon as they were passed by the Lok Sabha, they were sent here and they were circulated. Now, hon. Members of this House are expected to follow the proceedings of the other House and it is not always possible to be very technical about the rules, that fortyeight hours notice should be given. It depends on when the Bills are passed in the other House and when they come here. So, I think, the technical objection raised by Shri Bhupesh Gupta is not very relevant.

SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH (Bihar): Sir, I rise to seek some information. We would like to know whether it is a fact that three Parliamentary Delegations are shortly leaving this country. If so, we would like to know

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not relevant to the matter we are discussing now. This will come later, not now. We are in the midst of a controversy.

SHRI M. 8, GURUPADA SWAMY (Mysore) Sir, I want to make one point. I heard the remarks of my hon. friend, Mr. Bhargava. It is very strange indeed

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurupada Swamy, is it necessary? I have heard one point and I have heard the other I point.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: My point is simple. It is very strange and extraordinary that the Government should exhibit this attitude in bringing these Bills so late and giving us so little time for consideration and leaning upon the Chair for the exercise of its discretion in this matter. I want the Chair to exercise its discretion only in abnormal and extraordinary circumstances. There are no extraordinary circumstances in this case. There was ample time for the Ministry to give us sufficient notice for consideration. This Bill should have been taken up in the very early part of the Session in the other House and also in this House. I do not know what extraordinary reason was there for . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: This has been the burden of the rest of the discussion except for those who were against it.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA (Bihar): Sir, it seems to me that the Opposition has spoiled an extremely good case by extremely bad advocacy. They have tried to bring in the Government unnecessarily. (*Interruption*). While I entirely dissociate myself with the feelings they have expressed against the Government, I share their feelings in substance. A feeling has been growing in this House that this House of late is not being treated fairly.

HON. MEMBERS: No, no. There is no such feeling.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE (Uttar Pradesh) : Yes, there is.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: It is not being treated fairly. In the beginning of the Session we are short of business and we debated less important matters for a long long time. In the end of the Session, business is arranged in such a faulty manner that a lot of important business is rushed through in the last stages. That is not fair to the House and I express these sentiments for your information and action.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is the end of the discussion.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL-(Gujarat): I want to . . .

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: We all support what Mr. Bhupesh Gupta has said.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Just two sentences, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Since I have allowed so many, I may allow you also.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: We all support the contention of Mr. Bhupesh Gupta and in support of my argument I will quote what the Prime Minister said. He said the other day that the amendment suggested by my hon. friend, Mr. Mani, was better worded. Why must Government rush through Bills in this fashion when they admit that revision by this House makes a Bill better, the amended wording reads better? Why don't they give enough time? I do not understand why Members on that side get up and try to defend a wrong cause, because even the Prime Minister has conceded it. Why can't they show some grace?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I hope no one else wants to say anything.

I have understood the position. I am glad that materially the House is in entire agreement on this that we should deal with the measures before us today and we should finish the business that is put down on the order paper, but I fully sympathise with the feelings of Members of this House, even a section of the House, if not the whole of the House, that there should be no feeling in this House of being hustled through. It happens that business has to come to us from the other House and if business is finished there late, it comes to us too late. That happens. I would get in touch with the Government and I shall see that this feeling is removed as far as possible. I hope you will not grudge my exercising my discretionary powers.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Certainly not, Sir.

RESULT OF ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Satyacharan, being the only candidate nominated for election to the Central Advisory Board of Education, is declared duly elected to be a member of the said Board.

ENQUIRY *RE* PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH (Bihar): May I ask my point of information now? Sir, we would like to know whether it is a fact that three Parliamentary Delegations are shortly to leave this country. We would also like to know where they are going, who is leading them, under what criteria they were chosen and how much of foreign exchange would be spent.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL (Gujarat): How many Members of the Opposition would be there?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal) : I would like to know not the foreign exchange at this stage.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE (Uttar Pradesh) : After they come back.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I would like to know whether any presiding officer of our House is leading any delegation because the practice is that when a number of delegations go, one delegation is headed by the presiding officer of the other House and one by the presiding officer of this House. I am interested in knowing, again in the interest of our House, whether we have been left in the lurch in the matter or whether we have any of our presiding officers, e.g. you, Sir, or the Deputy Chairman, leading any of the delegations.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA (Orissa); Sir, I would like to submit that here again this House has been neglected. As Mr. Bhupesh Gupta said previously the presiding officer or the deputy presiding officer of this House used to lead the delegation. This time we are told that neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is leading any delegation. And we would like to know how many from the Opposition are going in the delegations. It is not a question of sending people from the ruling party, we would like to know particularly how many members from the Opposition are going?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The information is not available just now. I will lay the information on the Table of the House very soon and you would know who is going. I have refused to go; for certain personal reasons I have not been able to go. The Deputy Chairman is going but she is not leading the delegation because the Speaker is also going in another capacity. So that is it.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Three delegations are going and we would have liked one of the delegations to have been led by the Deputy Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think you should not discuss this matter here. I have decided that in consultation with the Deputy Chairman. She decided to go to some place and there the Speaker was also going in another capacity.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: We would not like to discuss it, it is true. We would like to discuss this matter in your chamber but the trouble is from Government sources these things appear in the newspapers and the newspapers tell us the names of the delegates and of the people who are leading the delegations. When they make this public without going through the process that you have rightly suggested, then we naturally