RAJYA SABHA

Saturday, 1st October 1953

The House met eleven of the clock.

MR CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

REPORT OF THE STATES REORGA-NISATION COMMISSION

BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, may I, with your permission, make a submission? As know, Sir, the States Reorganisation Commission has submitted its report to the Government and a lot of speculation is going on in the Press. We understand that the Report will be sent to the State Governments and that will also add to the speculation. We feel that at least the main recommendations should be communicated to us before we leave. That, Sir, will be in the interest of the public, for as you know, in such matters we have a certain part to play, I mean Members of Parliament. Therefore, I would request you to see whether it would be possible for you to use your office in order that at least the major recommendations may be known to this Parliament.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE (West Bengal): And we have a member here who said that they are dead, and that dead men have only ears and no tongue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: As a matter of fact, I have not received a copy of the Report.

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): 'ir, I may submit here, that a question 'as been put in the Lok Sabha enquiras to when the Report would be hed. I have not seen the answer, understand the answer is that it be published within two weeks

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: It appears so in the Press that a non-official ganisation called the Working Comittee of the Congress will discuss it. do not know whether they will dis-7 R.S.D.—1:

cuss the Report, before publication or after publication.

Shri LAL BAHADUR: How can the Working Committee discuss it? They can discuss the subject in a general way, but unless the Report is published, the Working Committee is not expected to discuss the Report.

SITUATION IN THE TUENSANG DIVISION OF THE NORTH EAST FRONTIER AGENCY

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, may I ask Government to make a statement in the course of the day on the position in the Tuensang Division of the North East Frontier Agency and the neighbouring areas? The situation there has been causing anxiety for some time and I think that Government should make a full statement explaining the situation there, before this House adjourns this afternoon.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You mean, if possible.

Shri H. N. KUNZRU: I think, Sir, this matter must have been receiving the constant attention of Government for weeks and it should, therefore, be perfectly practicable for the Government to make a statement on the subject, at least this afternoon. When we meet at 2-30 P.M., Government ought to be in a position to do so.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Sir, a statement was made in the Lok Sabha by the Prime Minister yesterday, and it you so desire, I can convey this wish of the hon. Members to the Prime Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And at 2-30, if possible, he can come here and make a statement.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: You may please make it 3 o'clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, any time that is convenient, between 2.30 and 5 P.M.