

**Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One
Hundred and Forty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary
Standing Committee on Commerce**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SOM PARKASH): Sir, I lay a statement regarding Status of implementation of recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Report of the Committee on 'Impact of Chinese Goods on Indian Industry' pertaining to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have received notice under Rule 267 for Suspension of Rules by Shri Binoy Viswam and Shri Anand Sharma regarding Assam and North-Eastern States. I have not allowed it, but I will allow them to mention it in Zero Hour. On priority I will be allowing you.

**Need for inclusion of the Union Territory of Ladakh in the Sixth
Schedule to the Constitution**

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI (Punjab): Sir, several leaders from Leh, former Cabinet Ministers, Chairman of the Hill Council, other personalities, representatives of the youth and students met the Leader of the Opposition and me yesterday. They wanted, through us, to apprise the Chairperson and hon. Members of this august House of the alarming situation developing in Leh because of the demonstrations taking place daily for inclusion of the Union Territory of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule. Sir, they feel that the Sixth Schedule covers and extends to some of the North-Eastern States like Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya and their Hill Councils have been given constitutional legality. People in Leh and Ladakh were initially very happy and by and large welcomed the announcement of the Union Territory as opposed to the people of Kargil. However, that initial euphoria is now giving way to a lot of apprehension, fear and disenchantment that if they are not able to protect and safeguard their resources or their unique cultural identity, the failure of this will be a big problem for them and pose enormous difficulties