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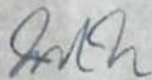
My dear Maharaja Sahab,

I see that on August 27 an important committee to watch the functioning of State enterprises is to be elected. I do hope that you or some other important member of our Party will find a place on the Committee as this is a matter where we have a specific contribution to make. I hope you will make sure that our Party does not go unrepresented on this important committee.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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PARLIAMENT PANEL FOR STATE VENTURES

Debate Set For Aug. 27

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NEW DELHI, August 16.

A GOVERNMENT motion on the setting up of a committee of Parliament to scrutinise the activities of public undertakings will be discussed in the Lok Sabha on August 27.

The present motion makes a departure in certain respects from the one which was discussed by the second Lok Sabha in November last and held over for further consideration.

While the Government resolution in the last Lok Sabha proposed a joint committee with equal rights for members of the two Houses, the present motion suggests nomination of five members by the Rajya Sabha to associate with the committee.

Another resolution, which will also be discussed simultaneously, makes it clear that where the committee discharges the functions now discharged by the Estimates Committee, it would function with members from the Lok Sabha only as a committee of the Lok Sabha.

NEW CHANGE

Another change over the previous resolution is that the proposed committee is not barred from examining matters concerning wages, conditions of employment and other matters normally decided between the employer and the employees by agreement or through recognised machinery.

The committee is not to examine matters of major Government policy, matters of day-to-day administration and matters for the consideration of which machinery is established by any special statute.

The committee's main functions would be to examine the reports and accounts of the public undertakings and to see whether their affairs are being managed in accordance with sound business principles and prudent commercial practices.

When constituted, the committee will replace the Estimates Committee of the Lok Sabha and the Public Accounts Committee of both the Houses of Parliament so far as their functions in relation to the public undertakings are concerned.

Seven public undertakings established by Central Acts and all Government companies will be within the purview of the committee. Members of the committee will hold office for five years.