

and as they have brought it to the notice of the Government through the zero hour, we will definitely respond. But to say that we have to respond now, immediately, that is not possible.

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker Sir, I came across a news item recently that at the rate of 110 to 180 Dollars the Government of India has....

MR. SPEAKER: That is closed now.

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: (Amritsar): Sir, yesterday there was a match between India and Pakistan at Sydney. And in the live telecast, we saw that there was a demonstration of Khalistan at Sydney and the word said was that Pakistan "Aage Badho Ham tumahare sath hai" (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I think the lady Member also wanted to raise this question.

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: I would like to raise this question in the House and I would like to know whether the Minister has been able to notice it and if he knows it, I would like to know what action is being taken. Australia is a very friendly country and we have got a very great tradition with them. This demonstration in a third country should not be allowed.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): Sir, let us congratulate first the Indian Team.

[Translation]

SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA (Nagaur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the support prices for the Rabi Crops should have been announced four months back, but the Government did not do so. It should have declared the mini-

mum prices four months back. The crops have already started arriving in the market. Wheat will arrive in the market any time and by when does the Government propose to declare the minimum support price... (Interruptions) The farmers are getting lower prices in the market. By when does the Government propose to announce the minimum support price for Mustard, Groundnut etc.? (Interruptions)

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Mirdha has raised a very important question. For the past six or seven months, the farmers are very much anxious over the support price for their crops. Subsequent to the rise in the price of fertilizers, water and electricity rates have also gone up, and many State Government is have hiked them recently. As the Minister of Agriculture has not given any indication of the support prices the Government proposes to announce, the farmers have become apprehensive. In the Economic Review presented by the Government, it is mentioned that there is a possibility of a decrease of 10-40 million tonnes in wheat production, and that the Government proposes to import one million tonne of wheat. If the support prices are not announced, the farmers would obviously decrease the production. All kinds of crop patterns are arriving and the Sugarcane growers are facing unprecedented difficulties. You know very well that in Maharashtra, sugarcane is priced at Rs. 56 per quintal, while in Uttar Pradesh, the prices range between Rs. 32 to Rs. 34.... (Interruptions) Why do you get anxious?

I am not blaming the Uttar Pradesh Government. I am stating the facts. Although the price is fixed at Rs. 45 per quintal, the farmers are getting only Rs. 32 to Rs. 34.... (Interruptions) The country would face a crisis situation if the Government doesn't take immediate steps and announce remunerative prices. (Interruptions)