

pressed by the Leader of the House and by the leaders of the other groups.

Only during the last session I had the privilege of sitting with him in a committee which was reviewing the Advocates Act along with the hon. Law Minister. He brought to bear on his Parliamentary and other work the remarkable quality of humility with his scholarship and detachment, which is the hallmark of those who have cultivated a sense of public service in them. He had endeared himself as a gentle, urbane and good man and we all will miss his gentle presence amidst us in the days to come. I deeply mourn the death of one who was loved by all of us.

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री रामास्वामी को मने रेलवे उपमन्त्री के रूप में नजदीक से देखा है और मैंने पाया कि वे अपने कार्य को ठोस रूप में करने के अभ्यस्त थे। उनको दिखावा पसन्द नहीं था, जो उनके दिल के भीतर होता था, वही बात वह किया करते थे और उसके बाद गलत-फहमी होती थी तां उसको वह दूर करते थे।

उन के इस असामयिक देहावसान के ऊपर हम सब को बहुत धक्का लगा है। मैं अपनी ओर से, अपने दिल की ओर से उनको श्रद्धांजली अर्पित करता हूँ।

Shri Rajaram (Krishnagiri): On behalf of my party, I associate myself with the Leader of the House and my other colleagues in the sentiments which they have expressed on the sad demise of Shri S. V. Ramaswamy.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy belonged to my place, namely Salem. He was a good social worker and a veteran parliamentarian. He led a brilliant life as a Deputy Minister in the Central Government. He had done yeoman service to my part of the country. Through his efforts, he had collected a lot of funds and constructed a women's college in my place, namely Salem. His wife also has been a very good social worker. His father

was a well-known and eminent lawyer and a good freedom-fighter in those days.

On behalf of my party, I associate myself with the leaders of the other groups and parties in offering our condolences to the bereaved family.

श्री बागडो : अध्यक्ष महोदय, श्री रामास्वामी जो इस सदन के एक वरिष्ठ मेम्बर थे और सामाजिक सेवार्थे उनके हृदय में कूट-कूट कर भरी थीं, उनका आज का बिछुड़न हम सब को बहुत महसूस हुआ है। मैं और मेरा दल अपने आपको इस दुख में सम्मिलित करता है।

Mr. Speaker: I also associate myself with all the sentiments that have been expressed. We had known Shri S. V. Ramaswamy for some time.

I would now request the House to stand in silence for a short while to express its sense of sorrow.

[The Members then stood in silence for a short while]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Tour of Famine Areas by the Prime Minister

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- *31. **Shri Gulshan:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaiya:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Jagdev Singh
Siddhanti:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:
Shri Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the areas affected by famine which have been toured by the Prime Minister, State-wise; and

(b) the steps so far taken by Government for their betterment?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) A statement showing the drought affected areas which have been visited by the Prime Minister during the months of May and June, 1966, is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6462/66].

(b) Relief operations have been organised by the State Governments on an adequate scale in these areas. Most of the relief works organised in these areas, would result in their permanent improvement. These consist of soil conservation, afforestation, minor and medium irrigation, deepening and construction of wells, tanks and other similar projects. Programmes for rapid development of these areas would also be undertaken in due course to the extent the resources position permits these.

श्री गुलशन : क्या यह सत्य नहीं है कि प्रधान मंत्री की इस यात्रा से अन्न संकट में सुधार की बजाय अन्न संकट, महंगाई, अशान्ति देश भर में और बढ़ी है और डिफैल्यूएशन होने पश्चात् और सरकार की खुद मुनाफाखोरी, भुखमरी, महंगाई, अष्टाचार के कारण आन्दोलन, अनशन, लाठी, गोली और जेलों का आन्दोलन और बढ़ा है। तो तो क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो मंत्री महोदय ने ऐसा कहा है कि देश में कोई सुधार हुआ है—क्या महंगाई जो बढ़ी है, यह सुधार हुआ है, आन्दोलन बढ़े हैं—यह सुधार हुआ है या बिगाड़ हुआ है ?

The Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri C. Subramaniam): This is no question.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या महंगा और ज्यादा बढ़ी है, बस इतना सवाल है।

श्री कपूर सिंह : या बिगाड़ हुआ है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह कोई सवाल नहीं है।

Shri C. Subramaniam: There is considerable improvement in the situation.

श्री गुलशन : क्या यह सच है कि प्रधान मंत्री की यात्रा के समय भुखमरी के कारण जो लोग इकट्ठे हुए थे, वे प्रधान मंत्री को मिले और मिलने वाले यह भी कह रहे थे कि भूख के कारण इतनी मौतें हुई हैं। क्या उन मौतों की संख्या बताई जा सकती है कि भुखमरी से कितनी मौतें हुई हैं ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have not received any reports of starvation deaths.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : इस सूखे के कारण जो अकाल-पीड़ित क्षेत्रों में पड़ा है, क्या सरकार यह बताने को तैयार है उन्हें न तो खाने के लिये गेहूं दिया जाता है और न चावल दिया जाता है। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपकी इजाजत से माननीय मंत्री के सामने एक नमूना रखना चाहता हूँ ...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह नमूने रखने का मौका नहीं है। यहां पर बहस की जा सकती है डिमास्ट्रेशन की जरूरत नहीं है।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं तो यह दिखलाना चाहता हूँ कि इस प्रकार की ज्वार उनको दी जाती है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : डिमास्ट्रेशन की इजाजत नहीं है, यहां पर सवाल कीजिये जो आपको करना हो।

Shri Nambiar: This is really very bad stuff.

Mr. Speaker: No, this is not a place for demonstrations and exhibitions. Exhibits are not to be produced here.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उनको खाने के लिये जो दिया जाता है, वह बहुत खराब दिया जाता है, इस में परिवर्तन करने के लिये सरकार कौनसा कदम उठा रही है ?

श्री बागड़ी कौनसा खाना दिया जा रहा है, दिखाइये जरा ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप दोनों बाहर चले जायें और देख लें। (व्यवधान)

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं तो मंत्री महोदय को यह बताना चाहता हूँ कि जानवर भी ऐसी ज्वार नहीं खाते होंगे। (व्यवधान)

श्री बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : कोई व्यवस्था का प्रश्न नहीं है। अगर इसी तरह स्कावट डालगे तो नहीं चल सकता।

श्री बागड़ी : अगर यहाँ पर सवाल पूछा जाय कि ऐसा खाना दिया जा रहा है इस का इन्फ़े सरकार को है या नहीं, तो इस सवाल को आप अनुमति देंगे या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : नहीं दूंगा।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं इस नमूने को सरकारी दुकान से ले कर आया हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप इसे मिनिस्टर साहब को भेज दीजिये, वह जवाब देंगे।

Shri C. Subramaniam: If the food-grains get damaged and if they are not fit for human consumption, we withdraw it from circulation. Whenever it is possible to improve the quality by cleaning it, we improve it and then supply it. In cases where the quality is such that it is not fit for human consumption, I am prepared to look into them.

Shri P. C. Borooah: Is it a fact that at a time when more than a crore of people in the areas visited by our

Prime Minister were facing acute food scarcity, there was a loss of more than Rs. 10 lakhs in demurrage due to delay in unloading food ships, only in one month of June and that in one port, Calcutta? May I know whether the food department themselves cannot take up this work and distribute the food instead of leaving it to some other people?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not have the figures with regard to demurrage paid. But my impression is that particularly during this year there has been considerable improvement in the unloading of ships.

श्री जगदेव त्रिह सिद्धान्ती : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने का कष्ट करेंगे कि जब प्रधान मंत्री अकाल पीड़ित क्षेत्रों का दौरा करने के लिये गईं तो उन्होंने स्वयं भी कुछ अकाल से पीड़ित व्यक्तियों से मुलाकात की, या जिनको सरकारी लांगों ने उनके सामने कर दिया, उन से ही मुलाकात की ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: She met the people in the localities who were affected by drought-conditions.

श्री शिव नारायण : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार जब अकाल पीड़ित क्षेत्रों में अन्न पहुंचाती है तो जैसा अन्न शहरों में देती है, वैसा अन्न वह गरीबों को मुनासिब दामों पर क्यों नहीं देती, उनको गेहूँ और चावल वह क्यों नहीं देती ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As a matter of fact, in the drought-affected areas where relief works have been started, they are being given a higher ration than what is being provided in the cities.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Do Government consider the imported American milo to be fit for human consumption, and if so, whether Government have actually authorised or are aware of its being distributed for human consumption in large areas of Rajasthan instead of the usual ration?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There has been some doubt with regard to the quality of this milo. We got it tested in our Central Food Technological Research Institute. They have stated that this is very much better in nutritional quality than our jowar, and it is a little better than many of the millets which we are using. It is under those conditions that we are distributing it.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know the demands for help in cash or in kind from the four States toured by the hon. Minister?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Representations were made by the Chief Ministers to the Prime Minister that they would require more financial assistance and also more quantities of food-grains and to the extent possible that assistance has been rendered to these States.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: May I know whether the Government has set up any machinery to find out if the distribution of taccavi loans, seeds and other grants made for the relief of the drought-affected areas is being properly made and if it has come to the notice of the Government that in the drought-affected areas of Orissa seeds that are supplied are not suitable for cultivation and that about 40 per cent of the cultivable land will be cultivated as taccavi loans did not reach the agriculturists who could actually utilise the money for agricultural purposes.

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have appointed a special officer to go round the States and make reports to the Central Government with regard to the relief measures taken; and particularly with regard to the distribution of seed and taccavi loan we had been receiving complaints and we have sent an officer there for the purpose of finding out. My impression is that he has been considering the matter. Additional assistance required by Orissa for meeting the demands of seeds and taccavi loans were made available to the Government and I do not think the hon.

Member's assessment that only forty per cent of the land would come under cultivation is correct. My report is that only about ten per cent might find difficulty in getting under cultivation.

Shri Tyagi: Is it a fact that this failure was primarily due to the fact that during the last eighteen years of freedom there was no proper arrangement for irrigation made in that area, whether minor or major?

Shri C. Subramaniam: In which area? In all the drought affected areas? After all we have had three plans. These plans were discussed here. With regard to major, medium and minor irrigation works, we have taken up a large number of projects. I do not agree that the fact that a drought had been there perhaps shows that sufficient number of irrigation works had not been taken up. But there is the other side of the picture also, particularly with regard to minor irrigation programmes; they will fail completely when there is no water in the sources which are to replenish the minor irrigation works.

Shri Tyagi: Was there any arrangement to fail? Arrangements must exist there. I can understand if arrangements existed and they failed but were there arrangements for minor irrigation?

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : इस स्टेटमेंट को देखने से यह मालूम पड़ता है कि जिन ऐरियाज में अकाल था उन ऐरियाज में प्रधान मंत्री ने दौरा नहीं किया। राजस्थान के अन्दर 26 जिलों में से 23 जिलों में अकाल है तो मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि राजस्थान में उन्होंने ने क्यों नहीं दौरा किया जहाँ कि पानी तक पीने को नसीब नहीं है ? आखिर इसका क्या कारण है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not think I can answer that question. After all she has to find time. She was able to visit four States.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या उन के अन्दर इतनी अकल नहीं है कि जहाँ अकाल है वहाँ उन्हें जाना चाहिये ? आखिर क्या कारण था कि वह वहाँ नहीं गई ? क्या वहाँ पर पटरी उखाड़ने वाले नहीं थे ? पटरी उखाड़ने वाले राजस्थान के अन्दर भी हैं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं मानता हूँ कि राजस्थान में हैं बाकी यहाँ भी तो आ गये हैं ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मध्य प्रदेश और राजस्थान में स्टारवेशन डैथ्स कितनी हुईं और क्या यह सही नहीं है कि राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश छोड़ कर लोग बाहर गये हैं, यदि हाँ तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि माइग्रेशन करने वालों की संख्या कितनी है और स्टारवेशन डैथ्स कितनी हुई हैं और उसको रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या प्रबन्ध किया है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: To our knowledge there has been no starvation death. With regard to migration, I will not be able to give the figures immediately.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister lay it on the Table of the House?

श्री विभूति मिश्र : राज्य सरकार या केन्द्रीय सरकार के अन्न गोदामों की हालत ऐसी है कि जो भी गल्ला वहाँ रखा जाता है वह सड़ जाता है और उस सड़े हुए गल्ले को पहले लोगों को बांटने के लिये दिया जाता है तो क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार उस दिशा में सुधार करने के लिए कोई माकूल इंतजाम सोच रही है ?

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : नहीं सोचेगी ।

Shri C. Subramaniam: As a matter of fact, I myself visited some of these warehouses to find out the storage conditions. I can assure the hon. Member that the storage conditions have been considerably improved and they are quite satisfactory now.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

श्री बागड़ी : यह अकाल की समस्या है हम लोग कब से खड़े हो रहे हैं लेकिन हमारे दल के किसी भी आदमी की सवाल नहीं पूछने दिया गया है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह डिस्कशन नहीं है बल्कि सवाल था और जिन माननीय सदस्यों के नाम दिये हुए हैं उन्हें बुलाया गया ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : यह बड़ा महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है, लोग भूख से मर रहे हैं हमें सवाल पूछने दिया जाय ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर । नैक्सट क्वेश्चन ।

Issue of Tickets by Air-India without 'P' Forms

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*32. **Shri Warior:**
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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1727 on the 17th May, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the alleged issue of tickets by Air-India without 'P' Form from the Reserve Bank of India has since been completed;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the action taken against Air-Indian officials found guilty in the investigation?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) investigations in some of the cases have since been completed, while in some cases they are still in progress.

(b) As a result of investigation, it has, so far, been established that at least in 55 cases the tickets were issued