जैसा कि सेलम में बना है। क्या उत्तर-भारत के पूर्वी पोरशन में भी आप कोई प्लांट कहीं पर लगा रहे हैं ?

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : बस्ती में लगा देंगे।

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In view of the fact that certain criticism has come up on the surface during the last one year that it has been . some sort of a folly to sink huge sums, particularly of foreign exchange, into big projects and then there is rethinking on the part of the Government to invest in smaller consumer goods and other industries that would give results sooner than very much later, may I know whether the same thought has been applied to big projects where thousands of crores of rupees are being sunk?

Shri T. N. Singh: In all economic programming, we should have a due share of also long-gestation-period projects also and should not have only short-gestation-period projects. We are trying to have, as many as possible, short-gestation-period projects. All the same certain basic industries by their very nature have long gestation periods and we cannot ignore this fact.

Decontrol of Cement

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***125. Shri Linga Reddy:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaiya:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Bagri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of decontrol of cement over the rise in prices of cement;

(b) whether production of cement has increased after decontrol and if so, to what extent; and

(c) the arrangements made for the distribution of cement in sufficient quantity to the Government agencies and the private people at fair prices?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See* No. LT-6562/66].

Shri H. C. Linga Reddy: May I know whether it is true that the distribution agreement that has been agreed to has completely broken down and cement has become very scarce and prices have risen very high and black-marketing is resorted to?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: It is not true that the distribution agreement has been down. I have got a statement which will show that to some States the distribution has been more during the last five months compared to the corresponding five months of last year. But there have been some difficulties in distribution because of non-availability of box-wagons; there were strikes in some factories; there has been power-cut in some States; all these have combined, during the last three months, to reduce the production to some extent, even though as the statement will show the production of the last six months, as compared to the six months of the previous year, has been more.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: It is the statement of Mr. Somani that the price has not increased, and not of consumers.

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: There had been some complaints from West Bengal.... (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Mr. Linga Reddy may ask his second question (*Interruptions*).

Shri H. C. Linga Reddy: In view of the unsatisfactory arrangement.... (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to follow the proceedings. I cannot listen to the question; the Minister also cannot hear the Member. Unless there is silence, how can we proceed?

Shri H. C. Linga Reddy: In view of the unsatisfactory arrangement at present with the manufacturers who have undertaken the responsibility, will the Government restore the previous arrangement of distributing the cement through the State Trading Corporation?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: The same system or the same pattern of distribution that was being followed by the STC prior to decontrol is being followed by the industry now.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Does he not find any difference between Government and private enterprise? How does he justify this?

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: In the context of the persistent shortage of cement in the market and also in view of the fact that Government are not in a position to go in for additional public sector undertakings because of the persistent paucity of funds, may I know whether Government are in a position now to review the earlier process of thinking and also to appoint a committee to go into this question?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: As a matter of fact, the paucity may be of two kinds. One is that generally there is shortage in the country because the demand is more than the production. The other one may be due to the fact that stockists may hoard and sell it at blackmarket prices and thereby create an artificial shortage. It may work out both ways.

So far as the State coming into the picture is concerned, there is not only the Cement Corporation of India, but different State Governments also are going in for cement factories; some are already working their cement factories; and some have applied for some factories; practically, every State Government is coming into the field to have State-owned cement factories.

I would not deny that there is shortage. As I have already said, the demand is more than the production. I would not also deny the existence of black marketing in cement, because we have received reports that there has been blackmarketing in some places. Many investigations have been made not only by the industry but also by the Department itself. Some complaints were found to be frivolous; naturally, some were true. The industry has been warned; the concerned dealers have been thrown out. Now, the industry wants to appoint a special officer in each of the States and also one in Delhi to look into the complaints and make the necessary distribution arrangements.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The answer is wonderful; some are true, some are false, some are white, and some are black.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जिस दिन से सीमेंट का कन्ट्रोल हटा, तो प्रारम्भ में सीमेंट के मूल्य काफी नीचे चले गये, लेकिन इस विवरण को देखने से प्रतीत होता है कि जब कि प्राडक्शन बढ़ गया है, फिर भी मूल्य बराबर बढ़ते चले जा रहे हैं। ब्लैक मार्केट मूल्य का जो स्तर कंट्रोल के समय था, बिल्कुल उसी प्रकार का धीरे धीरे होता चला जा रहा है। आप ने निर्देश दिया है कि कृषि कार्यों के लिये प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी, लेकिन किसानों के लिये कोई प्राथमिकता नहीं दी गई है और उनके निजी निर्माण कार्यों के लिये उसी प्रकार की कठिनाई है, जैसे पहली थी। इन तमाम स्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुये क्या सरकार जो मिल मालिक हैं, उद्योगपति हैं, उन को बुला कर, फिर कोई इस प्रकार का रूप निकालेगी जिस से जनता को सुविधापूर्वक सीमेंट मिल सके।

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: The State Governments have been informed that

for meeting any special needs of agriculturists etc., they can contact this organisation and get the requirements. I am told that recently, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan has got 10,000 tons purely for the agriculturists, apart from the usual allocation. So, it is wrong to suggest like that. Of course it is just possible—I do not quite know—that the demand may be more and the whole demand may not be met, but it is not correct to say that the agriculturists are not getting anything.

Shri Tyagi: Of course, not.

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा: राजस्थान में सीमेंट नहीं मिलती है ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : पंजाब में नहीं मिलती है, कहां पर किसानों को मिल रही है, बतलाइये ।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : उड़ीसा में मिल रही है ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :**

अध्यक्ष महोदय : रिकार्ड नहीं कीजिये, वह कैसे बतायेंगे । अगर मेरे बुलाये बिना आप सवाल करने लगें, तो मिनिस्टर को जवाब नहीं देना पड़ेगा । इस तरह से कैसे चलेगा, स्वामी जी, आप जरा सोचिये ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सभी बोल रहे हैं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह कार्यवाही तो तब ही चल सकती है, जब कि एक बोले, एक वक्त में अगर दस बोलेंगे तो कैसे चल सकता है ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप की बात मानता हूं, लेकिन वह आप के सामने अनर्गल बोल रहे हैं, सीमेंट किसी प्रान्त के किसान को नहीं मिल रही है ।

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती : क्या भारत सरकार इस बात को ध्यान से देख रही है कि पंजाब के वर्तमान राज्य पाल श्री धर्मवीर जी ने सीमेंट आदि चीजों का ब्लैक-मार्केट करने वाले व्यापारियों को भारी रगड़ पट्टी चढ़ाई है और इस रगड़ पट्टी के नतीजे से क्या सीमेंट वगैरह चीजों के दाम अपने स्तर पर आ गये हैं । अगर आ गये हैं और भारत सरकार इस को ठीक समझती है तो अन्य राज्यों के राज्यपालों को परामर्श दें कि वे भी अपने राज्य में रगड़-पट्टी चढ़ायें ।

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती : जवाब आना चाहिए ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जवाब तो मैं दिलवाऊंगा बाकी जब तक आप खड़े रहेंगे तब तक जवाब कैसे आ सकेगा ?

Shri Kapur Singh: Unless President's rule is imposed in the whole of India, how can the other Governors do the same as the Governor of Punjab is doing?

Shri Bubudhendra Misra: This is a suggestion the hon. Member has made and it is a good suggestion. We will certainly consider it. It is not that the State Governments are apathetic in this matter; the State Governments are also very keen to check black-marketing and they are taking steps in this regard.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मंत्री जी ने जो भी उत्तर दिये हैं वे वही दिये हैं जो कि उन के मंत्रालय ने उन्हें लिख कर दे दिये हैं लेकिन मंत्री महोदय को किस भाव से सीमेंट मिल रहा है इस का कोई अनुभव नहीं है । वह कोटा होल्डर्स जिन को कि ऐजेंसियां मिली हैं वे काफी मात्रा में सीमेंट ब्लैक से बेचते हैं उन पर कोई नियंत्रण नहीं होता तो क्या सरकार कोई ऐसी व्यवस्था करेगी कि एक बड़े नगर के अन्दर इस की ऐजेंसी एक के पास

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न होते हुए अधिक लोगों के पास इस की ऐजेंसी हो जिस से ब्लैक मार्केट में सीमेंट न बिक सके। मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट ऐजेंट्स की मोनोपली है और उस बारे में मैं ने एक शिकायती पत्र मंत्री महोदय को लिखा है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या सरकार कोई कदम उठा रही है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उस पत्र पर गौर कर लिया जायगा ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: यह सीमेंट न मिलने की बीमारी है जो कि कंट्रोल उठने के बाद और भी गम्भीर हो गयी है तो क्या सरकार कोई ऐसे ठोस कदम उठा रही है जिससे गरीब से गरीब आदमी को भी सीमेंट प्राप्त हो सके क्योंकि कंट्रोल के समय कुछ सीमेंट प्राप्त तो हो जाता था लेकिन उस के उठने के बाद तो अब बिल्कुल ही सीमेंट प्राप्त नहीं होता है ?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: I was going to give the figures when I was interrupted. During the period, January to March 1966, that is, the first three months of this year, allocation to the urban areas has been 6,60,744 tonnes and that to the rural areas has been 2,81,888 tonnes.

Shri Tyagi: No.

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने जो लिखित बयान पेश किया है उस में उन्होंने कहा है :—

> "The industry has accepted a form of self-regulating control in the matter of Prices".

लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि यह नियंत्रण हटने के बाद क्या सीमेंट कारखाने के मालिकों ने अलग वितरण कम्पनियां तुनाई और फुटकर सीमेंट बेचने वालों से पहले जो वह डिपाजिट लेते थे उस से कई गुना ज्यादा डिपाजिट लेने लगे जिस के कि फलस्वरूप उन को यह खामख्वाह बिना सूद दिये, बिना व्याज दिये एक और यह पूंजी मिल गयी और दूसरी ओर जब कि फुटकर व्यापारियों के ऊपर यह मुसीबत आ गई तो जगह जगह पर उपभोक्ताओं का शोषण भी शुरू हुआ तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि यह "सैल्फ रेगुलेटिंग कंट्रोल" का क्या हुआ, और आखिरकार कहां है वह ?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: The industry has created a body named Cement Allocation and Co-ordination Organisation which has taken over the distribution of cement throughout the country, the work that was being done by the STC; and so far as this taking of advance is concerned, the STC was also following the same practice, and it has been said that whenever advance is taken, within four to six weeks cement must be supplied. If it is not supplied, the money must be refunded. If it is delayed for some reason, 8 per cent interest will have to be paid.

श्री मधु लिमये : मेरे प्रश्न का जवाब आया ? प्रश्न मेरा क्या था और जवाब क्या आया ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं क्या करूं ?

श्री मधु लिमये : आप मंत्री जी से जवाब दिलवाइये इस तरीके से तो नहीं हो सकता है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जवाब दे चुके । श्री मालवीय ।

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : यहां पर जब सीमेंट के बारे में बहुत पहले बहस हुई थी तो मिनिस्टर साहब ने एक वायदा किया था जहां तक मुझे ख्याल है कि अगर डिकंट्रोल के बाद सीमेंट के दाम बढ़ जायेंगे तो सरकार फिर से इस पर गौर करेगी और कोई रास्ता निकालेगी तो जब सरकार को मालूम है कि सीमेंट के दाम अब ज्यादा बढ़ गये हैं इसलिये उस वायदे को पूरा करे जो वायदा यहां पर मिनिस्टर साहब ने किया था ?

श्री भागवत झा आजाद: उस समय मिनिस्टर साहब ने उस की बड़ी प्रशंसा की थी।

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: The agreement with the industry was that there would not be any price increase without the consultation and approval of the Government. This is a question that relates to blackmarketing, and not to rise in the price of cement. (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: This is a new thing that has cropped up now that during the Question Hour several Members stand up and put questions when they are not called, and that is one of the reasons why answers are also not precise. I cannot follow, I do not hear all that has been said on the one side or the other, and I cannot ask the Minister. If the Members keep silent, there may be larger number of questions.

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ...

Mr. Speaker: Answers also might be precise and to the point and the Members might get the information that they want, but that can only be done if some discipline is maintained. If only one Member stands up and puts the question, I can follow that question, I can get the answer also, whatever is wanted. If that help is given to me, I can be useful; otherwise, there is no use. Every Member begins to speak, and there are about 12 voices simultaneously. The other day also I put it to the House that I was ashamed to hear from a diplomat that he had never seen simultaneous speaking in a Parliament but here we have simultaneous speaking.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Which Parliament has he seen? We have also seen Parliaments in Italy, France and other places. Who is this diplomat? Foreigners intervene unnecessarily in our affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Simultaneous speaking does not go on. I have also seen.

Shri Shivajirao S. Deshmukh: On a small point of clarification. Will it mean that the Members and the House should tolerate glaring and apparent mis-statements from the Treasury Benches?

Mr. Speaker: If the Members keep discipline, I will ask the explanation of the Minister and then I can put it to the House, and they can take other action.

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ऐसा बराबर नहीं होता और हम लोग जैसा आपने कहा एक साथ कई, कई लोग बराबर नहीं बोलते हैं अलबत्ता जब सरकार की ओर से यह कहा जाता है कि सीमेंट की प्राइसेज़ बढ़ी नहीं है और सीमेंट का एक बड़ा अच्छा व प्रकाशपूर्ण चित्र प्रस्तुत किया जाता है तब स्वभावतः हम लोग साइमलटेनियसली प्रोटेस्ट करते हैं। वह कहते हैं कि उसकी क़ीमत 1 परसैंट बढ़ी है जबकि बढ़ी है वह 30 परसैंट तो आप ही बतलाइये कि हम लोग कैसे उस असत्य को इस हाउस में चुपचाप निगल जाये ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Now I must pass on to the next question. Shri Lahtan Chaudhry. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey. Shri Bagri. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia. Shri Kishen Pattnayak.

श्री रामसेवक यादव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा निवेदन है कि जो उत्तर यहां पर दिया जाय उसका वस्तु स्थिति से कोई सम्बन्ध हो लेकिन उत्तरों का सम्बन्ध वस्तुस्थिति से होता नहीं और पता नहीं कि जवाब किस दुनिया से सम्बन्धित होते हैं ? उत्तरों का सम्बन्ध प्रश्नों से नहीं होता।

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : मिनिस्टरों को इसके लिए रगड़ पट्टी लगाई जाय।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर।

I have been calling Members. Nobody is prepared to put the question.