

Government machinery has failed to take corrective measures in order to arrest the decline in the living conditions of the people. I would like to urge upon the Central Government to implement the Anti-Poverty Programme vigorously and ensure food for the poor people immediately. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand that I am going to accommodate as many Members as possible I will ask those who are going to speak on a topic which is just connected to this one. Now Shri Sunil Dutt.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow Shri Nayak after this.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Lokinath I will allow you also.

SHRI SUNIL DUTT (Bombay North West): Sir, this is a very important issue. It is a very important matter and it is about the future of the children of our country. It is not only about the one child who has been sold but it is also about those children who are dying because of malnutrition. There are children who are being used in the factories; there are children who are being abused, misused. And time has come when the Government of India must stand up and respond to this major problem of our country because the children are the future of our country. It is the bounden duty of all the people who are sitting here. How many millions of rupees have been spent over this Before issues. But nobody has discussed about the future of the children of our country. This is a very vital issue. Millions of rupees were spent on this Before issue without any result. Every leader is talking about the Befors and noboddy talk about the children, nobody discusses in the House about the children and the future of our kids.

*Not recorded.

This is a very vital issue because the growth of our country depends on the growth of our children, as the leaders are born out of children.

It is very important that this House must give as much as it has given for bofors, to discuss about the growth of our children and we will discuss about the future of our children.

I again request the Government of India to stand up and relise this problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Lokanath Choudhury.

(*Interruptions*)

DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA (Balasore): Sir, the issue patains to Orissa. (*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed two Members from the Congress Party. I think he is from Orissa. Whatever Dr. Kartikeswar says is not going on record.

SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHRY (Jagatsinghpur): Mr. speaker, Sir, in Bolangir, Kalahandi, Koraput and in phulbani, in these four districts, the child mortality rate is the highest when compared with the whole country. And it is growing every day and people are migrating. It has become a specific anaemic problem. This question has been raised several times in this House. The Orissa Government for developing this area, had submitted a plan to have special authority in which the Central Government should give some money. This matter is going on for the last several years. And as Shri Sunil Dutt said, it has become a major problem. This is a particular area where the children, men and women are being sold just for Rs. 40-. This is what is happening in that area. So many things are being reaised in this House. It is very humane question which affects the lives of many people. (*Interruptions*)