

MR. CHAIRMAN : This cannot go on. Zero Hour continued today for a very long time. Matters Under Rule 377 are a balloted thing. I cannot say scrap the balloted thing. That being the situation, kindly allow me to go according to the rules and call the hon. Members whose names have come in the ballot. All of you very well know that you have appealed about these things to the hon. Speaker and he tried his level best to accommodate as many as possible.

SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : I will take only two minutes.

15.12 hrs.

[SHRI NITISH KUMAR *in the Chair*]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : Sir, till today we were given to understand that the Women's Reservation Bill would be taken up for discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Madam, you will get an opportunity after submission under Rule 377.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : But unfortunately today it does not seem to be coming up. This is absolutely unjustified for the women as well as for the men. This was a commitment of the whole Parliament. Therefore, I register my strong protest against this Bill not being taken up in this Session.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let us go by the List of Business. Let us follow the List of Business. After submission under Rule 377, I will give an opportunity to you to express your view. So, please take your seat. Let us first of all take up Matters Under Rule 377. After that I will give an opportunity to express yourself. Please take your seat.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : You are very kind. After Matters Under Rule 377, the time for Private Member's Business will come.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Why are you taking the time of the Members who have given notices under Rule 377? Shri Devi Bux Singh.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Only Mr. Devi Bux's statement will go on record.

...(Interruptions)*

15.14 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to check environmental pollution caused by bone and leather mills at Unnao, U.P.

SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH (Unnao) : Mr. Chairman, Sir a

serious situation has arisen in my Parliamentary Constituency, district Unnao, Uttar Pradesh due to pollution. Due to the presence of several bone mills, tanneries and chemical industries, the people of the area are facing a serious threat due to the pollution. An abattoir is being shifted from Kanpur to Unnao. All these factors have posed a serious danger to the environment of this area. There is no potable water in the area and the people are suffering from numerous diseases.

I, therefore, demand that the Central Government should not allow the shifting of the abattoir from Kanpur to Unnao and shift the bone mills far off the human habitation. An enquiry should also be ordered to study the state of pollution so as to protect the health of the people of that area.

(ii) Need to take steps to make units of Cement Corporation of India at Naya Gaon, Madhya Pradesh, viable

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Cement Corporation of India is incurring continuous losses in the absence of proper management. Several units of the corporation are under consideration for revival. In the same order, two units of the CCI at Naya Gaon, district Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh are lying closed due to non availability of power for the last three weeks. The corporation is earning profit by sending raw material from this unit to other factories but it does not provide money to this unit in time as a result of which the electricity board has expressed inability to supply power to this Unit. Consequently, hundreds of workers of this unit are at the verge of unemployment. At the same time a huge amount of money is being spent on supplying electricity to the colonies by hiring generator sets. There is a national loss of lakhs of rupees as a result of the stoppage of production in the factory for not paying the electricity dues. Therefore, the proper functioning of this plant and avoidance of daily loss amounting to lakhs of rupees is necessary.

I request the hon. Minister of Industry to take necessary action in this regard so that the factory could be saved from being put in loss and interests of the workers could be protected.

(iii) Need to increase the quantity of foodgrain provided to the people living below the poverty line under Public Distribution System

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA (Churu) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I want to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister towards the Government's announcement to provide 10 kg. of foodgrains to about 36 crore people living below the poverty line under the targetted Public Distribution System and would like to tell that instead of being beneficial this scheme is causing loss to the poor people of the country. Generally the monthly requirement of foodgrains of a family is 40 kgs. against which on one average 30 kgs. of foodgrains was being supplied them on control rates through the old Public Distribution System, but now, an announcement has been made by the Government to provide only 10Kgs. of food grains at half the rate to a poor