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Title: Issue regarding death due to starvation.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Starvation deaths are increasing in different parts of the country and especially in the tribal-dominated areas of West Bengal, namely, Amlashol in Jhargram sub-division Belpahari and Sakraial in Jhargram sub-division, Purulia, Burdwan sub-division and Bagmundi and also in some parts of Bankura and in Duars in the tea-garden area also. More than 1000 people died due to hunger.

The Government has the programmes like the Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Food for Work. The Government is sending food to the people who are living below the poverty line through these programmes but they are not getting food. They are dying every day. The situation is very serious. I would request the Government to protect the people below the poverty line, especially the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities. I request the Government to send an official team immediately to visit these areas. These people must be protected.

These people are just crying and they are not getting the justice. I appeal to the Government, through the Speaker – the Parliamentary Affairs Minister and the Rural Development Minister are here – to send an official team to visit these areas. These people have died because of starvation. These are hungry deaths. वे भूखे मरते हैं। उन्हें खाने को कुछ नहीं मिला है। आप उनके लिए कुछ कीजिए।

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. You have raised a very important issue.

Now, Shri Rajesh Kumar Manjhi.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mitrasen Yadav, you are not helping your cause.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Manjhi, are you prepared to say anything? आप सबजैक्ट पर बैलिए। पेपर से नहीं पढ़ना है।

Okay, you get ready. In the meantime, I go to somebody.

Now, Shri Mitrasen Yadav. You do not think that I have given you a chance because you are standing up every minute. I am giving you a chance because of the subject.