

partys support the setting-up of Indian Rural Bank. It speaks in favour of the justified and proper demand of the regional rural banks. It also talks of the reorganisation of regional rural banks. . . .(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have promised that I will take it up with the Government. What also can I do?

. . .(Interruptions)

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : We extend our support to him.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I will personally bring this matter to the notice of the Government. I have promised it to Shri Nitish Kumar.

. . .(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Panigrahi, yesterday the Prime Minister had gone to Orissa.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : That was in a different context.

MR. SPEAKER : I know it was in a different context. But I believe that he is going to make a statement in the afternoon. You can ask questions at that time.

SHRI SHRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Sir, as you know, Orissa is facing a serious drought situation. It is a national calamity.

MR. SPEAKER : We had agreed yesterday that immediately after the Question Hour we would take up the Bofors issue.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : I will stick to one minute. This is a national calamity of unprecedented dimension and it requires substantial Central assistance for providing short term and long term relief measures. It is true that both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture have visited the State and they have all sympathy for the people of Orissa. But having sympathy alone does not anything unless that sympathy and the assurance given in the course of their visit are not reflected in real action. The Government of Orissa demanded about Rs. 577.78 crors under different heads. Do you know what is the amount provided so far? We have been provided a meager sum of Rs. 4 crore only. Sir, during his visit to Kalahandi and Bolangir, the Prime Minister assured that Rs. 58 crore will be provided to the State of Orissa but not a single pie out of that has been released. Are they

ridiculing the sufferings of the people of Orissa? It is a backward State. Now that the summer is approaching, the scarcity of drinking water will pose a serious threat. . . .(Interruptions) The money is not available. Even the Governor, in his address to the Assembly, has expressed concern over the indifferent attitude of the Government of India towards the State of Orissa. Now, there is discontentment over this issue all over the State of Orissa. A substantial assistance should immediately rush to Orissa. This is what I would like to appeal to you. You know how bad the situation is in Orissa. You may kindly direct the Government to do the needful.

MR. SPEAKER : We are already half-an-hour behind the schedule because we wanted to take up the Bofors issue immediately after the Question Hour. My request on this issue is. . .

. . .(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I will give you a chance tomorrow.

[Translation]

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL (Monghyr) : I want to raise the matter of train robbery which took place in my constituency. No such incident of train robbery has ever taken place there since independence. We do not get chance to speaker.

MR. SPEAKER : I will give you a chance tomorrow.

[English]

I do not know how do you want to run the House? You can run it the way you want. I will not run the House. There is a limit.

[Translation]

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : Do you want to punish us? We don't get chance. Why are we not given opportunity to speak? Why? Everytime it is said that either tomorrow or day after tomorrow we will be given a chance to speak. Why is it so?

MR. SPEAKER : O.K. speak, whatever you want to speak, and run this House.

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : Mr. Speaker, Sir you may check the records and ascertain yourself as to how many times you have given me any opportunity to speak.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Why are you interfering like that?

(Interruptions)