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Title: Rise in prices of Essential Commodities.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BOLPUR): Madam Speaker, through you, I want to draw the attention of the Government, and of the House also, to the most urgent matter of public importance, that is, the unchecked and uncontrolled price rise of essential commodities. The prices of essential commodities, especially of food articles, are sky-rocketing. That has been going unchecked for several years.

Presently, food inflation has gone to its peak levels again, but hundreds and thousands of the *aam aadmi* -- in terms of the Government -- are suffering. Their misery is countless as regards the price rise as the rise in fuel price was added to the plight by raising the price of petroleum products several times and decontrolling price of petrol in the market. This also further added to the suffering of the people. Presently, even the prices of vegetables and fruits have gone up. The growers are suffering and the consumers are suffering, but the hoarders and big businessmen are making countless money out of this situation.

There is no food security arrangement. The Government had assured in this House that they will bring forward the food security law to protect the suffering and downtrodden people, but for the last two years we do not see any comprehensive measure being taken on the part of the Government to protect the suffering people, that is, those who cannot afford to purchase food articles.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you. Please conclude now.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : The *per capita* food consumption is coming down. This is the reality. There is no Public Distribution System (PDS) as the PDS has been dismantled. The Government has divided the poor people by drawing a line by labeling them as BPL. The Government is sharing their responsibility to protect the people where 77 per cent of the people live with Rs. 20 a day. But the Government is doing nothing.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: I urge upon the Government to come forward with a comprehensive food security legislation and bring universalization of PDS to distribute food articles, grains and all essential commodities to the suffering and poor people.

MADAM SPEAKER: If the hon. Members want to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Dome, then please send your names to the Table of the House.

The next hon. Member is Shri P. T. Thomas.

...(Interruptions)

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : The PDS should be made available at affordable prices throughout this country.
...(Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : डॉ. रामचन्द्र डोम आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(लवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(लवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record now.

(Interruptions) â€¦ *

DR. ANUP KUMAR SAHA (BARDHMAN EAST): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the issue raised by Dr. Ram Chandra Dome. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE (JHARGRAM): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the issue raised by Dr. Ram Chandra Dome. ... (Interruptions)

SHRIMATI SUSMITA BAURI (VISHNUPUR): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the issue raised by Dr. Ram Chandra Dome. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SAKTI MOHAN MALIK (ARAMBAGH): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the issue raised by Dr. Ram Chandra Dome. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Madam, I would like to associate myself with the issue raised by Dr. Ram Chandra Dome. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आपको बुला रहे हैं।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : धर्मेन्द्र जी, आपको भी बुला रहे हैं।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record now.

(*Interruptions*) â€¦! *

अध्यक्ष महोदया : सबको बुला रहे हैं, आप लोग बैठ जाइए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : हमने आपको कहा है कि हम बुलायेंगे।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप भी बैठिए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Madam, you had assured me that you will allow me to speak. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : पी. टी. थामस जी, आप बोलिए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦!(व्यवधान)