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**Participants : Vora Shri Motilal, Bhuria Shri Kantilal, Pilot Shri Rajesh**

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Title : Requests the Prime Minister to look into the grievances of the farmers of Madhya Pradesh.

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday about ten thousand farmers of Madhya Pradesh came to Delhi and demonstrated. During 1997-98 because of anti-farmer policy of the Central Government, crop on 222 lakh hectares of land in Madhya Pradesh was damaged...*(interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : I have called Shri Vora, not you. Please take your seats.

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Sir, this Government is totally anti-farmers. They are not allowing me to speak. With your permission I am speaking. Am I to take their permission before I speak?...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record except what Shri Vora is speaking.

*(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, (he Central Government has done injustice to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, please take your seats. It is not good. I will allow you also.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER (Tenali) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, our hon. Member, with your permission, got up to speak, they are going on making noise and the Chief Whip there keeps quiet. You must stop them. Sir. This is unfair on their part...*(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Sir, I want to draw the attention of Central Government towards ; h,; f act.,. *(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : Please take your seats, i wi;, allow you,

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Mavelikara) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was decided in the Leaders' meeting that today we will have the House in order and all the Bills will be passed, and we promised to cooperate with the Government. Now it is for the Government to react. If they interfere and create problems when our Members are speaking, then what is the understanding with the Government? Then we will also back out. Let them get the Bills passed then. This is not the way. They cannot have the cake and eat it too.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Midnapore) : Sir, I agree with Prof. Kurien but I would only request him to set that his own Members do not interfere. Their own party leader is speaking and he is going on interrupting him and interfering. Why is he doing that? They are not doing it; he himself is doing it: How can the House go on like this?

*[Translation]*

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, This Government is anti-farmer. The biggest example of this is that during 1997-98, crop on 222 lakh hectares of land in Madhya Pradesh was damaged. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh had given a memorandum in April last requesting financial assistance of Rs. 2120 crores to the State. The BJP had categorically promised during the election campaign in the State that if their party came to power in the Centre, they would provide Rs. 5000 per acre as compensation to the farmers. The farmers even filled up forms which cost Rs. 5 each. Lakhs of such forms were filled up. We are proud and glad that our hon. Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who is also a poet, belongs to Madhya

Pradesh but it is rather unfortunate that he was not moved by the polity of farmers. The poet is so sentimental that he gets moved by the sufferings of the farmers. If this continues...*(interruptions)* Mr. Speaker, Sir, the farmers of Madhya Pradesh held demonstrations yesterday...*(Interruptions)* .. , ,

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No, please do not disturb him. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Pandey, please take your seat.

*(interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Vora, please finish.

I would request the hon. Prime Minister to consider the request of all the farmers of Madhya Pradesh. We met the Prime Minister yesterday. He had assured us that he would be looking into the matter. I believe that the Prime Minister will definitely look into the matter. We believe only the Prime Minister of this country, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Only assurances do not work to minimise the problems... *(interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Madan Prasad Jaiswai,

SHRI MOTILAL VORA : We believe only him. That is why, I say that the grievances of the farmers of Madhya Pradesh be looked into...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I have called Dr. Madan Prasad Jaiswai. Please allow him to speak.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, please cooperate, I have just called Dr. Madan Prasad Jaiswai.

[Translation]

SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA (Jhabua) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the buses in which the farmers came have been stopped on the outskirts of Delhi. The farmers of Madhya Pradesh held a demonstration yesterday ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This is not good. Please take your seat. I will allow you.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Madan Prasad Jaiswai. *(interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record. *(interruptions)\**

MR. SPEAKER : What is this? Please protect the dignity of the House. Please take your seat.

*(interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : This is not good. Please take your seat.

*(interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You are a senior Member. Please observe the rules.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, please take your seats.

[Translation]

DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL (Betia) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is 'jungle raj' in Bihar. The former Minister of Energy of Bihar belonging to Rashtriya Janata Dal...*(interruptions)*

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (Dausa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Prime Minister is present here. The feeling expressed from this side and

that side are the same on this issue.

[English]

He should say what he is going to do about it. He is sitting here.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to honour this list.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Otherwise, there is no use of waiting and sitting here. The hon. Prime Minister is here. We would like to know whether he has committed Rs. 5,000 per acre or not.

MR. SPEAKER : I will hear you later.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : My point is that you are going to a different subject.

MR. SPEAKER : Since I have already called him, I will hear you later.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : I agree. But the point is that the Member has raised the issue.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Pilot, there are a number of Members who have given notices. If you are interested to speak I will call you later.

SHR! RAJESH PILOT : Sir, it is not a question of your calling me. The hon. Member has raised the issue. The hon. Prime Minister is sitting here. We would like to know whether he has done it or not...*(Interruptions)* It is their interest also. We want that farmers should be helped and they also want that farmers should be helped.

\* Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER : If so many Members are interested on this subject, I wiii call you later. Please take your seat now.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, it is not the question of calling again. It is their request also.

MR. SPEAKER : I will allow them also. *[Translation]*