

**Title:** Need to release funds as compensation from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the downtrodden and poverty ridden people of Orissa.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): I am sure the House is aware of the recent deaths which have taken place in Orissa due to the extreme heat wave as the mercury is rising to 51 degree centigrade. The death toll in my constituency alone is about 100 persons, 150 in Cuttack, 130 in Sambalpur and about one thousand persons in the entire State of Orissa. Most of the people who have died belonged to the lower strata of society.

As regards my constituency, 39.5 per cent of the population comprises Scheduled Castes and Tribes and 92 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line. Also, there is an acute scarcity of drinking water. I would like to appeal to the hon. Prime Minister to release some funds as compensation from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the downtrodden and poverty ridden people of my district and the State as was done in the case of Balasore and Midnapore.

MR. SPEAKER: The Finance Minister would like to give some clarifications with regard to the farmers of Orissa.

">THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): I have already announced in this House when I intervened for the first time.

मैंने साफ शब्दों में कहा कि जब मैं इस सदन में आया था, हम लोगों ने सरकार से मंत्रणा करके पहले से तय कर लिया था कि जो कल हमने यूरिया की कीमतों में वृद्धि की घोषणा की थी उसको हम आधे से कम कर रहे हैं। ...)

Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let him complete.

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा: अध्यक्ष महोदय, जब बजट पर चर्चा होगी तो मैं इस बात को सदन में साबित करूंगा कि कितना नुकसान उर्वरता का हो रहा है, जो जमीन की फर्टिलिटी है उस पर कितना बुरा असर पड़ रहा है, इसकी चिन्ता हम नहीं कइस चिन्ता की बात कर रहे हैं, आप इस बात को जानते हैं। ...)

Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: At the time of discussion on the General Budget you can raise all these issues.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (बांका): आप क्या चाहते हैं?

... (व्यवधान)

श्री राजेश पायलट (दौसा) : यूरिया की कीमतों को कम करो।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, sit down please.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI M. SELVARASU (NAGAPATTINAM): Sir, the farmers are affected. The Minister should say something. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down.

... (Interruptions)

">SHRI SOMPAL: What will be the impact of the rise in the price of urea? (Interruptions)

SHRI ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): The price of urea should not be increased. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Anil Basu, please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMPAL: If you are not amenable to reason, what can I do? If you are not prepared to listen to a reasoned argument, there is no other way out in a parliamentary democracy. (Interruptions) Let me first make my submission and then you can reject it. (Interruptions)

SHRI A.C. JOS (MUKUNDAPURAM): The Minister of Finance walked out without listening to us. He had the temerity to walk out. He was called back by the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Jos, please listen to the reply.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (IDUKKI): Sir, this is not proper. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Chacko, please listen to him first.

... (Interruptions)

श्री खारबेल स्वाई (बालासोर): मिनिस्टर साहब को कोई बोलने नहीं दे रहा है। ... (व्यवधान) यह हमारे साथ न्याय नहीं हो रहा है।

... (व्यवधान)

यह आपके बात करने का कोई ढंग नहीं है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (IDUKKI): Let him listen to us also. The Minister of Finance was walking out when we were making our submissions. (Interruptions) They are now teaching us propriety.

(Interruptions) \*

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Chacko, please listen. The hon. Minister is on his legs. Listen to him first. After that, you can say whatever you want.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Kurien, please understand that Shri Pilot has himself said that the Minister may give his reply.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I will come to you Shri Chacko.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Will the hon. Minister like to say something?

... (Interruptions)

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श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह (वैशाली): अध्यक्ष महोदय, किसानों के साथ बजट में धोखा किया गया है।

... (व्यवधान)

श्री खारबेल स्वाई : पचासों बार वही बात कि धोखा हुआ है, धोखा हुआ है। हमारे मिनिस्टर साहब को कोई बोलने नहीं दे रहा है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (BANKA): Sir, I am on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : Please take your seats.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order. Are you giving permission for a discussion on the General Budget? Under rule 207, you cannot allow that.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, the Minister is prepared to reply. Please take your seat. Please understand the position. The hon. Minister has said that he is making a suo motu statement.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : I want to know whether you are allowing a discussion. (Interruptions) Let him say that. When he gives that ruling, I will sit down.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (DAUSA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister was on his legs.

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, would you like to respond?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions)\*

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MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)\*

MR. SPEAKER: Please cooperate with the Chair.

(Interruptions) \*

SHRI SOMPAL: I have all along been saying that I am prepared to respond. I will confine my remarks precisely to the urea price rise. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister is supplementing.

SHRI SOMPAL: The price rise of urea which was announced by the hon. Minister of Finance yesterday has been rolled back by fifty per cent.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Has he announced it?

SHRI SOMPAL: He has already announced it. He announced it before you came to the House. ... (Interruptions)

रघुवंश प्रसाद जी, हमने आपको भी खूब देखा है। आप क्यों बिना मतलब बात कर रहे हैं? आप पहले मेरी बात सुनिए।

... (व्यवधान)

यह क्या तरीका है?

... (व्यवधान)

आप सुनेंगे या नहीं?

... (व्यवधान)

आप क्यों ऐसे बात कर रहे हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : मैं वित्त मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने बजट में खाद के दाम घटाने के लिए कहा था या बढ़ाने के लिए कहा था? ... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) \*

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister is prepared to reply. Please take your seat.

(Interruptions) \*

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen to the hon. Minister.

(Interruptions) \*

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister is ready to reply. Please listen to him.

(Interruptions) \*

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)\*

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श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : क्या यह संसदीय प्रणाली और मर्यादाओं के अनुकूल है कि जब आपके निर्देश पर हम बैठ गए तो उधर से सदस्य खड़े होकर संसदीय आचरण और संसदीय मर्यादा का उल्लंघन कर रहे हैं। (व्यवधान) ...

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) ... (Not recorded)

श्री प्रभुनाथ सिंह (महाराजगंज) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, राजद के नेता को संसदीय प्रणाली में विश्वास नहीं है इसलिए इनको संसदीय प्रणाली पर बोलने का कोई नैतिक अधिकार नहीं है और न ही कानूनी अधिकार है।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

श्री प्रभुनाथ सिंह : सारा देश और विदेश जानता है कि उसने चारा चोरी किया है। उन पर जल्दी से जल्दी कार्रवाई होनी चाहिए।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Let us now take up the resolution listed at item No.18. Shri Nitish Kumar.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI A.C. JOS : Sir, what is this? The hon. Minister has not replied.

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) ... (Not recorded)

श्री अजीत जोगी (रायगढ़): रेल मंत्री भी किसान हैं। पहले किसान की बात सुनें। ... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: What is this? When the Minister is giving his reply, you are not hearing him. Shri Jogi, please understand.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister is giving his reply but you are not listening to him.

... (Interruptions)

श्री अजीत जोगी : आप कैसे किसानों का सामना करेंगे, कैसे गांवों में जाएंगे ?

... (व्यवधान)

कृषि मंत्री ही बोलेंगे, और कोई नहीं बोलेंगा।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Jogi, please understand that the Minister is giving a reply. You are not listening to him.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is the fourth time that the Minister is on his legs to give a reply. Please listen to him first.

... (Interruptions)

श्री चन्द्रशेखर साहू (महासुमन्द): यूरिया घोटाला किसने किया ?

... (व्यवधान)

श्री अजीत जोगी (रायगढ़): किसानों का गला आप घोटने जा रहे हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Jogi, this is too much.

श्री सोम पाल : वह ठीक कह रहे हैं कि किसानों के नाम पर १३३ करोड़ रुपये का झंझट तो है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : The Congress has always told to investigate the urea scam. We are in favour of it. Please go ahead....(interruptions)

SHRI AJIT JOGI : As you are in the Government, you are free to punish anybody for that. But do not touch the farmers...(interruptions)

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, Shri Ajit Jogi is very much interested about kisans. But what about urea scandal? They have eaten away Rs.133 crore and they are talking about kisans...(interruptions)

SHRI AJIT JOGI : They are not allowing him to speak, Sir...(interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : It is a fact that our Government was there at that time. We are not against investigation. The hon. Member has pointed out the urea scam.

Sir, he has pointed out urea scam. If you recollect, in the same House, we Congressmen raised it when the United Front Government was in power. Please investigate it and punish the guilty. We are telling you today. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Yerrannaaidu, please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri A.C. Jos, please sit down.

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, my precise submission will be limited to three points and these are pertinent to urea price rise announced by the hon. Minister of Finance.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Do you agree with it, Minister of Agriculture?

SHRI SOMPAL: My friend, Shri Pilot is taking an exception. Therefore, I desist from it.

One, the price has been rolled back and that has been announced before Shri Pilot come to the House.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : We were agitating. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, they do not allow me to speak.

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Kurien, please take your seat.

SHRI SOMPAL: There are only three meaningful sentences. ... (Interruptions) In Parliament, there is no way out except to listen. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let him complete.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN (QUILON): He has spoken so many times. ... (Interruptions) He is not answering. He is always teaching us.

SHRI E. AHAMED (MANJERI): Everybody wants to speak. Nobody wants to listen. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please complete.

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, it is very natural for the Members to get agitated if it pinches the farmer.

Number one, the argument underlying the price rise is the skewed use of nitrogenous fertilisers in proportion to other fertilisers. There are three types of fertilisers: nitrogen, phosphate and potassium. During the past six years, this use has got skewed too much in favour of nitrogen. It is a scientific fact. .. (Interruptions)

Through you, I would request the hon. Members to reject my argument, come out with a counter-argument and say whatever they like. But please ask them to at least allow me to conclude. .. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, over-presence of urea amounts to serious imbalances in the soil. It changes the soil chemistry. It affects the soil structure, soil texture and soil organism. There is widespread evidence available to prove that this is harming the soil fertility on a long-term basis. If this continues for another two decades, this will be irretrievable. All these lands will go barren. I can give all the scientific parameters. But for want of time, I will not go into those details.

Secondly, over-presence of nitrogen in the atmosphere tends to breed harmful insects which affect the crops.

Thirdly, it results in excessive vegetative growth affecting the foodgrain production and fruit production. And it increases the vegetative growth.

SHRI ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): That is why you have increased the price!

SHRI SOMPAL: It tends to undermine certain micro-nutrients which are available in the soils and which are also depleting at a fast rate. ... (Interruptions) What is this? ... (Interruptions) Sir, even senior Members are not listening to me. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Murasoli Maran, please take your seat.

SHRI SOMPAL: Anybody on this earth can have a face to say agriculture, but Communists cannot.

SHRI ANIL BASU: You want to play havoc. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMPAL: Communists do not know what 'agriculture' is. They destroyed Russia unnecessarily. ... (Interruptions)

इतने बड़े देश का नाश कर दिया, अब हमें उपदेश दे रहे हैं। ... (Interruptions)

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, please complete now.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, it is very objectionable. What the Agriculture Minister has said is objectionable ... (Interruptions) The statement of the Minister is objectionable. Sir, it should be expunged from the record ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will go through the record and if there is anything objectionable, I will expunge it.

Mr. Minister, please complete now.

... (Interruptions)

DR. ASIM BALA (NABADWIP): He should withdraw his words ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, please complete now.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, on account of excessive vegetation, the crops become susceptible to disease and viral attack and also fungal attack.

Thirdly, about the economic impact ... (Interruptions)

श्री रामदास आठवले (मुम्बई उत्तर-मध्य) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, एक मੈम्बर का इस तरह से अपमान करना ठीक नहीं है। मंत्री महोदय सदन को गुमराह करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI SOMPAL: I have not insulted any hon. Member ... (Interruptions) There is no such record available on the Table ... (Interruptions) You can check it ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: If there is anything objectionable, I will expunge it from the record.

SHRI SOMPAL: I will tender an apology, if I have insulted anybody.

Sir, the last point which I would like to make is ... (Interruptions)

श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, कृषि राज्य मंत्री महोदय हमें फर्टीलाइजर की टैकनोलौजी बता रहे हैं। हमारे देश में हजारों वर्षों से गोबर की खाद खेतों में डलती चली आई है। आप जरा मंत्री महोदय की बात तो सुन लीजिए- ये कह रहे हैं कि यूरिया से फर्टीलिटी घटेगी, इसलिए यूरिया के दाम बढ़ाए हैं- इनकी बात में कोई तर्क नहीं है।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: No, you please sit down now. Please take your seat.

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, for a senior Member, who happens to be on the Panel of Chairmen, it does not behove him to behave like this ... (Interruptions)

Sir, the last point, which is the economic argument is that the farmers and for that matter the hon. Members are legitimate in their right to get agitated if it pinches the farmers. I would wish to submit that when we calculate the cost in the CACP, the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, any rise in the price of input is calculated and it will be reflected in the Minimum Support Price. Therefore, I can undertake that the farmers will not be pinched ... (Interruptions) This is a very valid argument ... (Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : I hope, you have finished your speech and now please listen to me ... (Interruptions)

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Sir, I have raised this point of order.

श्री अजीत जोगी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री महोदय किसानों के खिलाफ बात कर रहे हैं। क्या मंत्री महोदय किसानों द्वारा और आत्महत्या कराना चाहते हैं ?

... (व्यवधान)

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MR. SPEAKER : Now, we will take up matters under Rule 377.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to respond to this.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, it seems that the hon. Minister wants to say something.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, would you like to say something?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): Do not increase the price of urea. (Interruptions)