

MR. SPEAKER : You should have democracy in the House also. All the time you, senior Members, have been speaking, you are not allowing other Members to speak. You should have some consideration for others. Sit down now.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Give us one minute. *(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER : Nirmal kantiji is not going to speak today.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : It is not going on record. *(Interruptions)\**

*[Translation]*

SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: The people have become so frightened of these diseases, that they dread to lend their shoulder to carry even a dead body to the cremation ground. Even their friends and relatives have stopped visiting them and they don't participate even in the funeral procession, fearing that they may catch the disease. *(Interruptions)*

As per the information provided by the District Health officer, most of the health centers are finding it difficult to check the epidemic, in the absence of transport facilities. No vehicle is available in Primary Health Centre, Akaltara. Even in Janjgir they face the same problem. Even I don't have one, yet we are doing our level best to check these contagious diseases. If vehicles are available, these infectious disease can be controlled quickly and effectively. *(Interruptions)* Everyday, reports are appearing in news papers that one epidemic is spreading, day by day but no effective steps are being taken. The District Health Officer has also informed that the local administration had approached the State Government for funds to prevent these diseases, but the allocation has been inadequate. Apart from

Vilaspur District, these diseases have created havoc in Bastar, Raigarh and other districts. Therefore, I urge the Government to immediately take appropriate and necessary action, so as to provide relief to the affected people *(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (Asansol): Sir, Durga Puja is the biggest and colourful festival throughout India specially in West Bengal. All sections of the people irrespective of their caste, and religion join hands to celebrate the festival in a befitting manner. Thus they demonstrate their solidarity, fraternity, integrity, love and respect to each other. The Labour Minister of the Government of West Bengal has recommended to all private and public sector management's to pay annual bonus as per previous practice within 8th October 1991, so that the workmen could purchase their necessities before the present high price reaches sky high in the market. So far, I know, none of the public sector units has made this payment. So I would request the concerned Ministers to advise their respective units to make the payment immediately and to avoid unnecessary labour agitation and to save the workmen from the loot of the unscrupulous businessmen. *(Interruptions)*.

*[Translation]*

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, homeopathic medicines are widely used in our country, but in the last few days, their prices have gone up to such an extent that the chemists are charging four times the usual rates. It is mainly because most of the homeopathic medicines are imported and some medicines like

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potencies, Bi-Chemic Medicines, combinations succfus cinaria Maritema eye drops, Alfalfa Tonic, sugar of Milk,

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are mostly imported from Germany, Switzerland, UK and U.S.A. Our Chemists have to pay a 65 per cent duty on these medicines. What's more, they have to pay local taxes also. They are selling it at four times the usual price.

The common man in the country is heavily dependent on homeopathic medicines, but the ever increasing prices are making them inaccessible to him. Therefore, in the larger interests of the people, I urge the government to pay serious attention to this matter and make homeopathic drugs duty free so that these medicines are available to the masses at the most reasonable prices. The Government should make the necessary arrangements in this regard.

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dum Dum): Sir, I rise to congratulate the Prime Minister for his kind activity. In the northern part of West Bengal.....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I call Shri Jangbir Singh to speak.

SHRI JANGBIR SINGH (Bhiwani) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I endorse the demand of the Government of Haryana raised with the Government of India to increase the strength of Haryana Police and to supply sophisticated and modern weapons and other latest equipment's like vehicles, wireless sets etc. This is required to match the increasing activities of militants in Haryana which is evident from the recent happenings in the state. While emphasizing these views, I lay stress that the mode of recruitment to the Police should be on the pattern of CRPF, BSF and other Para-military forces limited to Haryana state. Rather, it should be obliga-

tory to the Haryana Government to publicise the recruitment in the national and local papers of the state to give chance to every able-bodied man to compete, if he so desires to be recruited in the Police. This, I am sure, will avoid communalism, nepotism and casteism in the process of recruitment to the Police.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN (Indore) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have been raising my hand since yesterday and today you have allowed me to speak. I thank you very much for this.

Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House and your good-self towards the crisis being faced by small scale industries in Madhya Pradesh due to shortage of coal. Mr. Speaker, Sir, Coal India has set up a godown at Indore, but for last two years the supply at the Godown has been grossly inadequate. A large number of cloth mills are located throughout the Malwa region, especially in Indore. The quota for this godown was fixed at 4 rocks, that is, 120 wagons of coal, but in the last two years, it has been cut down by half and the godown has failed to meet the requirements of that area. I would like to tell you the situation during the past four months. In the month of May, only 30 per cent of the quota was made available and in the following months, the supply was 28%, 22% and 16% respectively.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if coal is not brought by rail, the people of Indore will have to go to Viaspur to get the requisite permit to bring coal, by road. Even after this, there is no guarantee that coal would be available and the prices in the open market, during such crisis periods are very high. The coal available through quota is priced at Rs. 900 per tonne, but if the same is purchased from the open market, it would cost around Rs. 1700 per tonne. The entire cloth industry is in deep crisis due to coal shortage.