

said about 1961 and all that.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: If there is anything, I will see.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: (Azamgarh): He has named him also.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJE (Bolpur): Sir, nobody should be exonerated, but will the Parliament discuss this? That is the point I am raising from time to time. It becomes open when everything is being discussed. Like our frontiers everything has become open now.

MR. SPEAKER: You are 100 per cent correct. This should be borne on mind by everybody.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: I am not trying to shield anybody, but the question is, how far the Parliament will go and allow these matters to be discussed.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Sir, democracy is being stifled and anyone who speaks anything against the State Government is being humiliated, harassed and arrested on account of corruptions charges. This is nothing but a political gimmick. If we do not take cognisance of this, then, it will be the failure of democracy in this country. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Mr. K.P. Singh Deo and Mr. Panigrahi know it very well as to what was happening during the last 10 years in Orissa. The people of the State rejected the PCC President, whose name they are now mentioning, on the issue of corruption only. That was the mandate of the Orissa Janta Dal. The people rejected the leadership that was there for the last 10 years on the issue of corruption. On the basis of the Charge-sheet, if the Vigilance authorities raided his house and arrested him, why are you discussing this matter inside the House: Under the law, he has been prosecuted and there is absolutely nothing wrong in that.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA (Pardrauna): Mr Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Petroleum Minister to the eastern district of Uttar Pradesh. Two weeks have passed and there is acute shortage of petroleum and diesel in eastern districts of Deoria, Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Gazipur and due to which people, particularly, farmers are greatly distressed. The supply of diesel and petroleum has been disrupted due to some reasons. Sugarcane crops are getting dried up due to shortage of power supply. People are feeling distressed over the shortage of diesel. Our former Governor Shri Sukh Deo was telling the same story right now. Life of crores of people depends on the supply of diesel and petrol. Therefore, I would like to submit that in view of the current shortage of petrol and diesel, Government should issue directions to resume the supply of diesel and petrol. Government has not paid any attention to the statement of the Chief Minister of the State also. Millions of people have been affected. Therefore, I make humble submission to supply diesel to farmers immediately.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Now the matter raised by the hon. Member is really of some concern. Will you please convey this to the concerned hon. Minister?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Yes, Sir.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARPAL PANWAR (Kairana): I would like to draw your attention to the problem of payment for sugarcane to farmers by sugar mill-owners of Uttar-Pradesh, Sir, this is a serious problem. Mill-owners have not made payments for sugarcane to farmers for the last four months, crores of Rupees are outstanding against sugarmills. Uttar Pradesh Government has turned a