

[Sh. Syed Masudlal Hossain]

17.51 hrs

total sugar production in the country is in the cooperative sector.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tenth Report

I would now place some figures relating to weaving mills. There are 130 cooperative weaving mills. Out of these, 108 weaving mills export cloth worth Rs. 55 crores. How these cooperatives are now gradually going in the hands of the capitalists. You will be surprised to know the facts about the Rice mills. Licences have been issued to 690 mills. Out of these, 195 have not been set up so far and 113 are closed. Funds were released to a Congress worker to set up a cooperative Rice mill in Burdwan district of West Bengal. But the entire funds were swallowed. I would suggest that the funds for cooperatives should be directly handed over to the villagers.

[English]

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK (Aligarh): Sir, I beg to present the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL)
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Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Agriculture-*CONTD.*

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[Translation]

Maximum funds should be allocated to Primary Agriculture societies and for setting up other such societies in the villages. The owners of oil mills and sugar mills pocket the entire funds. I hope the new Government will pay attention in this regard. The election manifesto of your party speaks of many good things and many promises have been made to the farmers, poor and the unemployed youth. We know that you have the political will and you will take steps in this direction. If you do it, you will not only get the support of our party but the entire country. But if you commit mistakes like your predecessors and continue to toe their line and do not take steps to check corruption, consequences can be bad. It will amount to betrayal of the trust reposed by the people in you.

SHRI HEERA BHAI (Banswara): Mr. Speaker, Sir, today we are discussing the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Water Resources. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I still feel that we have changed the government of the country only but we have yet to bring changes in the lot of the people. The house is the same, only its occupant has been changed if the situation does not improve, but ministers and leaders may escape from public wrath but we will certainly have to bear the brunt when we will go to our respective constituencies. We will be taken to task by the people who will lynch us. If this Government continues to function on those worn out systems of the past, our position in future would be very critical. Thus it is my request to the government to pay attention towards the well being of the people. Our primary duty should be to look after the people. This is my request to all the political parties also. We will have to change our old structure.

With these words, I thank you for giving me enough time to speak.

As regards levying of taxes, some people

justify increase in taxes, whereas some people vehemently opposit it as it has broken the very back of the people. Both these views are far from reality. If we want to make development, we shall have to increase taxes and we have to pay taxes honestly. In order to effect land reforms and provide irrigation facility on war footing, we have to make provision in the budget. No power on earth can improve our situation unless we make arrangements to provide water to all our fields throughout the year at any cost. Things will not improve by befooling the people with loud promises. There is problem as to whose advice is heeded to and whose advice is ignored.. Some one are pressing for one thing while others are pressing for something else. If this situation is allowed to continue and the government keep on spending money on luxuries and comforts, we cannot effect improvement in the lot of the people. Assemblies and Parliament are meant to serve the people of the country and thus we should think in this direction. We shall have to make sacrifices and exercise restraint. Without caring too much about pique and pleasure of the people, we should implement our programmes of developmental work and then only we can take the country towards the path of development and at the same time succeed in serving our people. For the last three months I am observing that some persons are issuing statement only to get publicity in the newspapers. Their ego is satisfied in seeing their names in the newspapers. You will have to give a thought to this issue and it is only then that we can increase our agriculturals production and make arrangements for water. Otherwise it is a sheer hypocrisy and making false pretensions before the people. If at all our government has made progress in any field it is in the field of Television manufacturing. Now television is found in every house. Had this money been spent in some other industry, the country would have been benefited much. What sort of culture we are fostering through it. Today we feel ashamed of the condition prevailing in the villages in Rajasthan. In Rajasthan, 75% of the villages are facing water problem. You may say that it is a state subject. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is indeed a state

subject. But you should know that the Government of Rajasthan has become pauper and it has no money for development. In such circumstances, how can they mobilise resources for development. Should they adopt unfair means for raising funds? If you cannot sanction grants at least give them loan. They can do something only when you will provide help. If nothing is given to them what will they do. Today there is no arrangement for supply of water. You will have to allocate funds by entering into some or the other agreements with the Rajasthan Government. For the last four months we are emphatically demanding for the formulation of a good plan and we are also requesting for a change in our old structure. But all the promises of the Government are going to prove hollow slogans as no funds have been given to Rajasthan till date. Month of June is to start after some days. After that monsoon season will set on but to what extent ponds and rivers will be filled with water is not known. We can made progress only when we realise our responsibility and do our work accordingly. If we make tall calims only for the sake of votes, country men will not tolerate us. The way people threw the Congress party from power, we will be also thrown out as the Congress party is in search of opportunity to overthrow us and come to power again. The new generation will not tolerate such a thing. What will be our position at that time? We will have to decide about these things with responsibility and it is then that we will succeed in finding out a way to increase our agricultural production. Farmers even having four acres of land earn their livelihood with great difficulty because of lack of irrigation facilities. In order to save the crops from the damage of insects etc. farmers reap even unripe crops as insecticides are not made available to them in time. Who is responsible for this state of affairs? I am not pinpointing towards anyone. We are all responsible for this and take this responsibility as we cannot afford to leave this on the Almighty. You do it either through cooperatives or by setting up small units but it is very essential to do something in this direction in order to develop our small scale industries and increase our agricultural production. The construction of dams

[Sh. Heera Bhai]

will help in conservation of water and irrigation of fields. People will be able to irrigate their land in hilly areas by digging wells. But if we continue to raise slogans only and do nothing concrete, I am sure we will not be able to make any progress in the field of agriculture. Nobody is going to remain in power for all the time to come but it will be very appropriate if we do something which brings prosperity to the country and sustenance of democracy in the country. If we put obstacles in the path of democracy, it will be very difficult for us to survive the people of this country will never pardon us. If we fail to do this and assume that the military regime will come, that regime too will not be able to do anything towards the welfare of eighty crore people as they will also face many hardships. We cannot achieve success by adopting the policy of crushing and driving out the poor. Like the diseases of cancer which destroys entire cell of the body, our country is also suffering from some cancerous disease and it is very essential to curb its growth with proper treatment. This Government can function only when we pay adequate attention to the welfare of the farmers. If we crush them with police force and putting them behind bars, they will start agitating. Thus we would not act in an irresponsible manner because this will not help in the smooth functioning of our administration. Therefore in a nut shell I would like to inform you that Dungarpur and Banswara are the two drought affected districts of our region and excess water of Mahe dam in Banswara flows to Gujarat and this water is not utilized in our area. On account of this all our adjoining areas remain dry. In order to utilise this water in our hilly area, arrangements should be made for lift irrigation for

which electricity is required to be provided. This arrangements is required to be made by the Government. The Government should also take other steps for the well being of the farmers. It is my earnest request to the hon. Minister to heed to my request otherwise we will also meet the same fate as was met by the previous Government. The people will never forgive us for our acts of commission and commissions. The need of the hour is to work with team spirit so that the farmers are benefited otherwise we will also be in deep distress. Therefore I shall urge you to make arrangements for irrigation, be it through lift irrigation method or deep irrigation method but water should be made available to every field for irrigation at any cost. Water of Mahe dam can be harnessed. Money sanctioned for this purpose should be properly utilized as the employees of lower ranks gobble up the funds. Steps should be taken to proper utilization of funds. If no action is taken to improve the situation, we will all sink together. Thus friends, I exhort all of you to take the responsibilities and engage in the task of nation building and it is in this way that the country can make progress.

With this I thank you for having allowed me to express my views.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House now stands adjourned till next day, the 11th May, 1990.

18.07 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the clock on Friday May 11, 1990/ Vaisakha 21.1912 (Saka)