

[Shri Birbal]

- (2) Loans should be disbursed to more people under I.R.D.P.
- (3) The procedure for disbursement of loan should be simplified.
- (4) Under the scheme of providing employment to the educated unemployed Harijan youths, loans should be disbursed to them on priority basis.

(ix) Demand for Central financial assistance to Bihar Government for the construction of a bridge in Nonadih sub-division of Giridih district of Bihar

SHRI SARFARAZ AHMED (Giridih) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the people of the area have been demanding for many years that a bridge may be constructed to link Gomo with village Mendra in Block Nawadih in district Giridih. The State Government had started the work for construction of this bridge seven or eight years back, but the work was stopped after doing some work. The departments have been requested many a time and the officers have submitted revised estimates to the Bihar Government many a time, but the work on this bridge has not been resumed so far. Due to non-completion of the bridge, the people of the area are facing great difficulties. They have to face great difficulties even in bringing their goods of daily use. The development of Topchanchi Block in Dhanbad district and Navadih Block in Giridih district depends on the construction of this bridge.

I would, therefore, urge the Central Government that as the construction cost of this bridge involves huge amount, the Central Government should provide financial assistance to the Bihar Government so that work on this bridge could be started immediately and Navadih and Topchanchi Blocks could make progress and the people of the area could also get an opportunity to make progress along with rest of the country.

12.26 hrs.

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(i) Ministry of Defence—(Contd.)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, we shall take up Item No. 9—Discussion on Demands for Grants under the Control of the Ministry of Defence. I think around 3 o'clock the Prime Minister may come to reply. Therefore, I request all the hon. Members to be very brief. The time is also very short. Three hours are left over now. Therefore, try to give in points whatever you want to express, not taking so much time.

Now, Mr. Jaipal Reddy may speak.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mahbubnagar): Sir, kindly note one thing. Yesterday, out of three-and-a-half hours two and a half hours was taken by the Ruling Party. Therefore, whatever time is allotted....

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Whatever time is allotted, I am giving.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as we all know, the problems of Defence cannot be discussed or perceived in isolation from those of foreign policy, of economic policy, of foreign trade or internal harmony. But in view of the scope of this particular debate one must perforce confine oneself to the narrow aspects of Defence preparation.

Sir, after a decade of detante, the world is again in a new cold war. In the meanwhile, Sir, since 1945, the Third World has witnessed 120 wars as against hardly six of the developed world. And the focus of the new cold war is on Indian ocean littoral waters rather than on the Central Europe.

Sir, I would not like to lose the little time that you are giving by painting wide canvases or delineating sceneries or throwing the perspective. I would leave that to Mr. Tewary who is not here. But against the