

MR. SPEAKER: There is a motion before us on the drought and flood situation. I think both can be taken together.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let us think and decide what sort of adjustments can be made.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Sir, please accept the calling Attention on floods in Maharashtra. The drought situation will also be discussed therein.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Paswan, I shall not be subject to any dictates on what is to be accepted and what is not to be accepted. I shall take my own decisions.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla): Sir, the farmers of this country are facing problems. Fertilizer prices have sky-rocketed. On one hand some parts of the country are affected by floods and on the other the withdrawal of subsidy from fertilizers has dealt another blow to farmers. The farmers are suffering hardship because of floods and drought. And this step taken by the Government has added to their problems. Sir, by increasing the rates of fertilizers, the Government is harassing the farmers to such an extent....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: You should sit when other Member is speaking.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you. Please take your seat when he is speaking.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: The farmers have to buy fertilizer and other items in the black market as whole-

salers are hoarding fertilizers, you kindly direct the government to supply the fertilizers to the farmers at reasonable rates so that the Indian masses are saved from starvation. The Indian farmer is on the verge of starvation. It is a double blow to farmers—one is the increase in price of every commodity and the other is the withdrawal of subsidy on fertilizers. Sir, please direct the Government to make a statement immediately and to roll back fertilizer prices to earlier levels so that the farmers can get some relief. *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I am helping you. Please take your seat. I think the hon. Member from Wardha is also interested. I have said that your name would also be included. When the statement comes, I will allow you.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Kalahandi 7 hundred labourers are trapped in a tunnel. We want a statement from the Minister about it.

MR. SPEAKER: He is going to make a statement on that also.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: The hon. Agriculture Minister is present here. Please direct him to make a statement. The condition of farmers has worsened.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota): Sir, by giving a grant of Rs. 100 crores to a private foundation the Government has wasted public money. Crores of rupees are being wasted like this. *(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
We want to know the fate of the
workers who are trapped in the tun-
nel. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.
Nothing is being recorded now.

(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your
seat first. You are interested in see-
ing that what you say is recorded. I
am interested in seeing that that is
recorded.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You please sit
down.

I am saying that I have examined
the important issues. I am going to
allow each one of you one after the
other. Supposing you are not inter-
ested in seeing what you say is record-
ed, you are welcome to stand up
and speak one and all at the same
time. I am going to allow one set
of persons to speak and after that
another set of persons would be allow-
ed. If all the time you all get up
and speak, it is you who suffer. I
do not suffer. That is why, please
help me to help you to see that your
statements are recorded. I am allow-
ing one set of persons after the other.

You have raised about Kalahandi
and other thing. It is very import-
ant also.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please hear me
first. If you interrupt me, you do
not get what I am trying to say. I

*Not recorded.

cannot raise my voice beyond a cer-
tain limit. If all of your voices are
taken together, my voice is a drop
of it.

I have asked the hon. Minister
also to make a statement. He did
contact me and I have asked him to
make a statement on Orissa situation
and also on Kalahandi. Advaniji
and some other Members have said
that they want to discuss. We will
see, how it can be discussed.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down
first. I am allowing the hon. Members
one after the other. Shri V. Sobha-
nadeswara Rao.

SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA
RAO VADDE: Mr. Speaker, Sir,
you were very good enough to allow
me to bring to the notice of this
Government regarding blackmarketing
of fertilizers that is going on in
Andhra Pradesh.

The stocks were procured before
the introduction of the Budget. So,
they were expected to sell it at the
previous prices. In spite of bringing
to the notice of the Government
thrice through you, the situation has
become worse in Andhra Pradesh. In
several places, the traders in collu-
sion with the officials are not giving
stock to the farmers and they are de-
manding very exorbitant price. Be-
cause of this, the farmers are com-
pelled to go to godowns where fertili-
zers are hoarded. The police people
are lathi-charging and firing on the
farmers. At several places, law and
order situation has gone beyond con-
trol.

I request the hon. Prime Minister,
the hon. Minister for Agriculture and
the hon. Minister for Fertilizers to
give concrete assurance to the House
that the stocks which were procured
by the traders prior to introduction
of the Budget be delivered to the
farmers at the old prices. If the
traders do not comply with it, their