

[*Translation*]

**SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH (Parbhani)** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Finance Minister is not speaking the truth. He has said in the budget presented on 24th July that prices of pesticides and insecticides had not been increased for the past 10 years. I think the prices of fertilisers were increased in 1983 and in 1986 also prices of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides were raised. He had given another assurance that old stock prior to 24th July on which Government had given subsidy . . . (*Interruptions*)

(English)

**MR. SPEAKER** : Only what Shri Deshmukh says goes on record. . . (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

**SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH** : That stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides would be sold to farmers at old rates but he has not kept his promise.

I met Shri Jakharji and Hon. Finance Minister twice and they again said that they had given orders that old stock should be sold at old rates. But that orders were for retailers only and wholesaler and main dealers were not given such orders. I would like that Government should issue orders that entire old stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides on which subsidy was given should be sold to farmers at old rates. . . (*Interruptions*) . . .

**SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Janata Dal Government wants to save CPM. We want to know. . . .

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

**MR. SPEAKER** : Mr. V. S. Rao, please. . . . (*Interruptions*)\*

**MR. SPEAKER** : Shri Khurana, what you are saying is not going on record. (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER** : You have made your point, that is all. Mr. V. S. Rao please. (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada)** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very alarming situation. . . . (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

**MR. SPEAKER** : You have already been given a chance to speak.

**SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, such a big incident has taken place. . . . (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

**SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA** : Why cannot the Minister make a statement on this ? This is a very serious situation. May I know whether the Minister is aware of the incident or not ? . . . (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa)** : What is the concern of the Government about this ? Why cannot the Minister make a statement ? . . . (*Interruptions*)

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (Shri S.B. Chavan)** : This morning only I have given instructions to get all the information from the Government of Bihar and thereafter we will make a statement in the House.

**SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE** : Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very grave situation, an alarming situation wherein the farmers are being lathi-charged, firing is resorted to, on the farmers just because they are demanding that the fertilizers which were supplied to the dealers prior to the Budget introduction be sold at the old, controlled rates. But the traders and the Agriculture Department officials in Andhra Pradesh have colluded

\*Not recorded.