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SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VEDDE: It appears the Government is very sure to scuttle it.

MR. SPEAKER: No. no. Not that.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: It is postponed for three times. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am sure the Minister came to me two or three times and asked for it.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: What is the use, Sir? But it is not being discussed.

MR. SPEAKER: This is exactly what all the Members should...

(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Some time should be fixed for this discussion. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: This is exactly either you go by the guidance given by the Presiding Officer or you yourself decide.

SHRI SHOBANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: We accepted your suggestion on that day when the leaders of the parties were called to your room. (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACAHRIA (Bankura): It was decided in your room. It should be taken up today. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is really unnecessary. You wanted the discussion. It was fixed for discussion; it has been on the agenda for three days for discussion, but we have been discussing matters which are not on the agenda.

SHRI SHOBANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: When is it going to be discussed?

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, we take up matters under rule 377. Shri Birbal.

12.51 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

 (i) Need for financial Assistance to the Government of Rajasthan for providing relief to the Drought Prone Areas.

[Translation]

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar): Mr. Speaker, most of the districts in Rajasthan, especially in dry farming areas of Ganganagar, Bikanar, Chura, Jaisalmar and Barmer in Western Rajasthan are faced with an emergent problem of acute shortage of fodder for cattle and drinking water in villages due to lack of rain this year is being available. At present fodder for the cattle at very high prices and that too in inadequate quantity. The purchasing power of the villagers is also woefully poor. There are no avenues of employment of available in villages. The problem of drinking water has also arisen in rural areas.

The Government has always been providing relief to those regions of Rajasthan which are deficient in rain. I, therefore, urge the Government India too take timely action to supply fodder for the animals and drinking water and provide immediate employment for the present and take proper preventive measures for the future also.