

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: I have been, as a Minister, replying to Shri Vasant Sathe reading statements under 377 from here.

Despite repeated assurances given to this august House, sugarcane farmers in the country in general and those of Uttar Pradesh and North Bihar in particular are facing unprecedented financial crisis due to near anarchy prevailing in this industry in this season due to among others, the following:

- (i) Failure of Government of India in taking long promised integrated view of sugar industry.
- (ii) Failure of Government of India to announce their sugar policy and matters incidental thereto like fixation of remunerative sugarcane price well before the sowing season.
- (iii) Attitude of Government of India and the State Government in relation to their statutory duty to see that the sugar industry pays price to the farmers as fixed by them within fifteen days from the day the sugarcane is delivered to the factory, whereafter interest and penal interest also will become payable.
- (iv) Deduction at will from statutory price on account of transportation charges for sugarcane supplied at out centres.
- (v) Non-survey by the Cane Department of the area under sugarcane and determining entitlement of sugarcane to be accepted by the factories.
- (vi) Coercive action to realise claims against the farmers.
- (vii) Utter neglect in the area of research and development resulting in low yield of sugarcane per acre and poor recovery of sugar.
- (viii) Neglect by the Government of the gur and khandhari industry.

I also call upon the hon. Minister to announce the next sugar season's cane price and allied policies before the end of the current sugar season.

Finally, I call upon the Government to have a close look at the entire range of issues so as to use the full potential of sugarcane industry in boosting the national economy.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): This subject relates to the Department of Food, which is under the charge of Mr. Bhagwat Jha Azad.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: But it is a joint responsibility.

MR. SPEAKER: He will take care as Minister of Agriculture.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: I also want to ask from Mr. Pranab Mukherjee whether he is going to give money to the sugar industry so that the banks release the amount immediately.

MR. SPEAKER: I think, he will be convinced.

(ii) NEED TO SET UP A SHIPYARD NEAR HAZIRA ON TAPI RIVER

SHRI NAVIN RAVANI (AMRELI): Gujarat Government in 1973 had recommended to the Central Government for construction of a shipyard near Hazira on Tapi river.

12.18 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair].

The techno-economic working group of the Central Government had taken up the study for construction of new shipyards in India and recommended two places on the West Coast, one at Hazira in Gujarat and the other at Kurvalangi near Goa. Afterwards, the work for preparations of a preliminary project report of these two places was entrusted to two foreign experts by the Central Government in 1974, who prepared a detailed project report and handed over to the Central Government with the recommendation that Hazira

is the suitable place for having a shipyard. Unfortunately, the scheme of Hazira shipyard was not included in the Sixth Five Year Plan. The State Government has often requested the Central Government for quick decision in the matter and the then Minister for Shipping and Transport, Government of India, informed the Gujarat Government on 15-2-82 that the question of Hazira shipyard would be taken up for consideration at the time of the mid-term review of the Sixth Five Year Plan. Since long this project was pending before the Central Government for clearance. This is, therefore, requested that a quick decision should be taken to establish the said project at Hazira in Gujarat for providing facility and benefit to the people and the country at large as the project involves utmost public interest.

(iii) NEED FOR RELIEF WORKS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY A NATURAL CALAMITIES IN MIRZAPUR, U.P.

श्री उमाकान्त मिश्र (मिर्जापुर) : मान्यवर, दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि हमारे मिर्जापुर जिले के बहुत बड़े क्षेत्र के किसान अभी बाढ़ और सूखे के प्रभाव से मुक्त नहीं हो पाये हैं कि गत मास में मिर्जापुर जिले के हलिया, लालगज, राजगढ़, खोरावल, आदि ब्लाकों के सैकड़ों गांवों में गम्भीर ओलावृष्टि के कारण रबी की फसल नष्ट हो गयी। इन गावों में खरीफ की फसल कहीं सूखे के कारण और कहीं बाढ़ के कारण नष्ट हुयी थी। गत वर्ष इन्हीं ब्लाको के अन्य गांवों में ओला पड़ा था और रबी की फसल बरबाद हो गयी थी। इस प्रकार मिर्जापुर जिले के किसान कराह उठे हैं, छोटे और सीमांत किसानों तथा मजदूरों की दशा दयनीय हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार से निवेदन है कि मिर्जापुर के पहाड़ी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों की स्थिति पर ध्यान देते हुये उक्त क्षेत्रों में बड़े पैमाने पर राहत कार्यों तथा खाद्यान्न वितरण की व्यवस्था के लिये तत्काल सहायता करें।

(iv) NEED FOR SETTING UP A SODA ASH FACTORY AND SUGAR MILLS PHULPUR (ALLAHABAD)

श्री कृष्ण प्रकाश तिवारी (इलाहाबाद) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप की अनुमति से नियम 377 के अधीन अपना वक्तव्य पढ़ता हूँ।

उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जनपद में फूलपुर में इफको का एक बड़ा खाद का कारखाना है, जिसमें उत्पादन शुरू हो गया है। 30 दिसम्बर, 81 को भारत सरकार की प्रधान मंत्री ने वहां जाकर के इस कारखाने को राष्ट्र को समर्पित किया था। इस अवसर पर वहां भारत सरकार के कृषि मंत्री जी भी थे। सभा में ही भारत सरकार के माननीय कृषि मंत्री जी ने हर्ष ध्वनि के बीच यह घोषणा की थी कि फूलपुर में सोडा एश का एक नया कारखाना लगाया जायेगा और चूंकि यहां खाद का कारखाना भी लग गया है तथा सिंचाई की भी पूरी व्यवस्था है, इसलिये चीनी मिल भी लगायी जायेगी। लाखों की सख्या में जन समुदाय ने इन दोनों घोषणाओं का स्वागत किया था। अभी तक सोडा एश की फैक्टरी लगाने तथा चीनी की मिल बैठाने के संबंध में कोई भी कार्यवाही नहीं हुई है जिससे पूरे इलाहाबाद जनपद में चिन्ता व्याप्त है।

अतः इस अविलम्बनीय महत्व के प्रश्न को सदन में उठाकर मैं कृषि मंत्री जी से निवेदन करना चाहूंगा कि उनके स्वयं द्वारा जो दोनों सदनों घोषणायें की गई हैं उसको शीघ्र से शीघ्र पूरा करें तथा फूलपुर में सोडा एश का कारखाना और एक चीनी मिल लगाने का प्रावधान करें।

(v) SUPPLY OF EDIBLE OIL TO WEST BENGAL.

SHRI AJIT KUUMAR SAHA (Vishnupur): Sir, I am drawing the attention of the House about the problems that are