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में धकसर प्रकासित होती रहती हैं। धमी 10 जून को जब मैं ने पटना के एक गैस एजेन्ट को टेलीफोन पर धपने घर पर गैस सिलिण्डर मेजने का धनुरोध किया तो मुझे धपमानजनक बातें सुननी पड़ी। पन्द्रह दिनों के बाद भी ग्रव तक गम की प्राप्ति नों हो सकी है। केम्पनियों के कायलियों में कोई टेलीफोन तक नही उठाता।

सरकार को इस स्थिति का अन्त करने के लिए फौरन कदम उठाना चाहिए और बदनाम एजेन्टो के लाइसेंस खारिज कर दूसरे एजेन्टो को बहाल करना चाहिए।

श्री म्रटल बिहारी बाज्येयी (नई दिल्ली) : भ्रम्यक महोदय, यह खाली गैस का मामला नही है, संमत्सदस्य से किस तरह का व्यवहार होगा यह मामला है ।

श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री : मैंने मिनिस्टर साहब को चिट्ठी भी लिखी है ।

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu, absent. Now, Shrimati Pramila Dandavate

(ii) NEED TO STREAMLINE THE DIS-TRIBUTION SYSTEM OF CEMENT IN THE CAPITAL.

SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDA-VATE (Bombay North Central): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I rise to make a statement under Rlue 377.

Sir, several thousand irate citizens (including a large number of women) demonstrated outside the office of the Food and Civil Supplies Department of the Delhi Administration and protested against the cement shortage and the officials who were indulging in malpractices, demanding money from the permit-holders.

Sir, for the past two or three months this has been the scene at the office and there are several verbal clashes between the officials and the permitholders who have to go disappointed. As a result, the construction activity in the capital has come to a standstill. It is alleged that the officials of the Delhi Administration have been collaborating with the suppliers and the stockists in the distribution of cement

to their favourites and to hig business contractors. I would request the Minister to make a statement regarding what steps are being taken to ameliorate the situation and adopt a suitable policy in the distribution of cement.

(iii) NEED FOR MARKETING AGENCY FOR EXPORT OF COCOA AND BAR-NING IMPORT THERE OF.

SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDAC-KAL (Muvattupuzha): Mr. Speaker, Sir nearly 3 lakhs of small and marginal farmers in South India cultivated Cocoa because of the encouragement given by State and Central Governments. Although this cultivation is two to three years old, the production has already reached the level of nearly 3000 tonnes. The internal consumption is only 2500 tonnes. Within the next 4 to 5 years, the production will go up to 15000 to 20000 tonnes. It is high time to set up a factory in public sector or in cooperative sector otherwise we have to find out a market for exporting the surplus.

Unfortunately, the Government of India has granted permission to import cocoa without any restriction. This has created a very serious situation in Kerala, where the poor farmers find it very difficult to dispose of their product which is parishable commodity like any other fruits. I, therefore, request the Government of India to ban immediately the import of cocoa and at the same time, take steps to arrange for its export to the maximum extent possible.

(iv) REPORTED ATROCITIES ON HARIJANS

श्री राम बिसास पासक्षान (हाजापुर) : श्रध्यक्ष महोदय, देश के विभिन्न भागों में विगत पांच माह के श्रन्दर हरिजनों एवं कमजार वर्गों के लोगों की जितनी हत्य एं की गई हैं उसने मारे रिकार्ड को तोड दिया है। पीपरा एवं परसदीवा की विभिन्न घटना के बाद कफल्टा (उ० प्र०) होडल (हरियाणा), गोहाना (हरियाणा), मोकामा (बिहार) ग्रादि ऐसे कुछ हरिजन हत्याग्रों के समाचार हैं, जिसे सुनकर कलेजा दहल बाता है। इन हत्याग्रों ने हरिजन एवं कमजीर वर्गे के सदस्यों के मन उर