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This year, the rains failed and the agriculturists are not able to sow the groundnut even. If rains do not come within a month, even the standing crops will fail. At present, the agricultural labourers are not able to get work and their condition is becoming precarious.

Only old schemes under Food for Work scheme are being continued and new works are not taken up, due to paucity of foodgrains sent by the Central Government. Unless the Quota of foodgrains under special Plan is increased with specific instructions to the A.P. state Government to spend them as Rayalaseema for taking up new works, it will be very difficult to protect the agricultural workers in that area.

(ii) NEED FOR NATIONALISATION OF KUMARDUVI ENGINEERING WORKS, DHANBAD.

SHRI A. K. ROY (Dhanbad). We are shocked to know that the Kumarduvi Engineering Works, One of the leading engineering units of the country, employing some 4000 workmen, is being handed over to a monopoly house, TISCO. This concern was previously owned by Bird & Co. and later it was transferred to Helgers Group Company.

The factory was lying closed since July 1979 due to the mismanagement and draining of its working capital with the result, the old company had to undergo liquidation and the factory was placed under the receivership of Allahabad Bank by the order of the Calcutta High Court.

At the time of closure the Kumarduvi Engineering Works was indebted to Allahabad bank about Rs. 8/-crores, State Bank of Bihar about Rs. 2/-crores and the workmen in the form of Provident Fund, earned wages etc, Some Rs. 14 lakhs.

Since July 1979, the workmen are in peaceful satyagraha demanding nationalisation of the company and reopening it. Several discussions were held between the Allahabad Bank Government of Bihar and the Central Government in this connection.

The matter was raised in the Parliament on March 26, in the form of Unstarred Question No. 1699 and then again in the form of Calling Attention Notice and on both the occasions the Minister of Industry assured the House to reopen the factory within the shortest possible time under some public sector management.

In this case several alternatives were also open to the Government. It could reopen the factory under its direct management as the case of Swadeshi Cotton Mill of Kanpur during the Janata Government or the factory could be placed under the management of Coal India Limited or TISCO, Already

operating in the area. But to our great dismay we have come to know that this important Engineering concern is being handed over to the TISCO already a formidable monopoly House even circumventing the provision of MRTP Act and in contravention of the professed economic policy followed so far. So this handing over of the Kumarduvi Engineering Works from its present possession of Allahabad Bank to the TISCO not only constitutes a breach of commitment to the House but also a betrayal of the policy of the Government apart from disappointing the workers so long agitating for the take over of the Company by the Government.

(iii) REPORTED TENSE SITUATION IN FARIDABAD DUE TO DISCONTENTMENT AMONG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

श्री राम बिलास पासवान : (हाजीपुर) : फरीदाबाद में मजदूर असंतोष के कारण स्थिति बड़ी तनावपूर्ण है। लगभग 10,000 मजदूर फरीदाबाद में ट्रेडयूनियन में सक्रिय रूप से भाग लेने के कारण विभिन्न उद्योगों से निकाल दिये गये हैं और वे फरीदाबाद में रोजगार पाने के लिए मारे-मारे फिर रहे हैं। ईस्ट इण्डिया काटन मिल, जिसके लगभग 3200 मजदूर पिछले वर्ष 23 जुलाई 79 को फैक्टरी से बाहर निकाल दिये गये थे, क्योंकि उन्होंने एक मांग-पत्र दिया था, उस के कारण 17 अक्टूबर 79 को फरीदाबाद बन्द हुआ था और एक भयानक गोलीकांड हो गया था जिसमें दर्जनों मजदूर मारे गये थे और सैकड़ों घायल हुए थे। इसके बाद हरियाणा सरकार के प्रतिनिधि के साथ स्थानीय ट्रेड यूनियन नेताओं के साथ एक समझौता 19-11-79 को हुआ था जिसमें मृतक मजदूरों के परिवारों को 10,000 (दस हजार रुपये) देने तथा विवाद-स्पद उद्योगों के मजदूरों और मेनजमेंट में समझौता कराने तथा 1,000 झुग्गी-झोपड़ियों में रहने वाले मजदूरों को मकान बना कर देने का समझौता किया गया था, लेकिन अभी तक सरकार ने समझौते को लागू नहीं किया। मैंने बुद फरीदाबाद जा कर स्थिति का अध्ययन किया है। हरियाणा पुलिस उद्योगपतियों का साथ दे कर मजदूरों पर दमन करती है। शांतक का वातावरण बनाने के लिए सारे फरीदाबाद में बटालियन हरियाणा शस्त्र पुलिस तथा दो बटालियन सी० आर० पी० स्थायी तौर पर बुला ली गई है। मजदूरों को पुलिस द्वारा गलत और झूठे मुकदमे लगा कर इधर-उधर के केसों में फंसाया जा रहा है। फैक्टरी द्वारा पुलिस और गुण्डों के बल पर मजदूरों पर जुल्म डाला जा रहा है।

मैं सरकार से अपील करता हूँ कि यदि वह फरीदाबाद की विस्फोटक तथा तनावपूर्ण स्थिति को शांत करना चाहती है, तो केन्द्र सरकार तुरन्त हस्तक्षेप करे और :-

1 निकाले गए मजदूरों को काम पर वापस लिया जाए।