[श्री राम किशन]

है। एक तरफ कारखाने बंद हो रहे है। मजदूरों की छटनी हा रही है, माल सड रहा है, दूसरी रेल सुविधा क प्रभाव में ट्रकों में थाडी माला, प्रीधक समय और ज्यादा मालभाड़ा देने के प्रधा कारण तेल समाने बाले प्रामाम, बगाल एसे प्रान्ता में तल की कमी और भारी महगाई सहातकार मुख रहा है। राजस्थान राज्य स रेलबें लदान की मुविधा नहीं हाने से तल मरमा प्रायात निर्यात करन बाला की परेकानी तो ही इसके प्रलावा जहां ग्रारीदार की हालव खरना हा रही है बहा मरमा उपजाने बात किसानों को प्राप्ती अपने की महग नहीं मिलने म उनमें भी भारी प्रभावाप की महा की मन नहीं मिलने म उनमें भी भारी प्रभावाप फैल रहा है।"

(V) NEED FOR TAKING OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF SIDHPUR COTION TEXTILE MILL, SIDHPUR.

SHRI AHSAN JAFRI (Ahmedabad): Madam Chairman, Sidhpur Cotton Textile Mill at Sidhpur has been closed since last three months and nearly 23,000 workers have gone jobless. The mill has been closed due to inefficient management. The attention of the Government was drawn several times by the workers towards the mismanagement practices of the management but no attention was paid. In the result the mill has been closed down adding 2500 workers in the huge army of unemployed in the country.

There is no likelihood of reopening of the mill in the near future by the old management and if at all it is reopened by the said management, it will fail to give smooth and clean administration

The National efforts so far did not achieve the goal of cloth production in the country. The Central Government are announcing time and again its policy regarding the cloth production and the textile industry but with no results.

Instead of reducing the unemployment, such closures of units in the various parts of the country, the problem is becoming acute and the investment of crores of rupees is becoming idle adding to the gross national loss.

The Government has adopted the policy of not taking over of such sick

units declaring that such units will be given to profit making units but the procedure is lengthy and does not help quickly. Particularly when the mill machineries are good and management is been upon closing it. Sidhpur Textile Mill is a good example in this.

I request the Government to come forward immediately to take over the mills immediately to help the production of cloth in the country and I will also request the Government not to ask for the Report under Section 18A of the Industrial Development and Control Act of 1961 and take over the mill straight-forward looking to the peculiar situation prevailing of Sidhpur Mill and help the lot of the workers.

MERCHANT SHIPPING (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House will now take up consideration of Rajya Sabha Amendments. Now, I would like to point out before the Minister moves the amendments that they are purely of a verbal or technical nature. It only concerns changing the figure and the dates.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): I beg to move:

"That the following amendments made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill further to amend the Merchant. Shipping Act, 1958, be taken into-consideration:—

Enacting Formula

(1) That at page 1, line 1, for theword "Twentyninth' the word "Thirtieth" be substitude.

Clause 1

- (2) That at page 1, line 3, the word "Second" be omitted.
 - (3) That at page 1, line 4, for the-figure "1978" the figure "1979" be-substituted.