

replied to one point. It is about the percentage of people having sugar—that applies to most of the ruling party members—it is because they are consuming less potatoes and this is also one of the reasons for the potatoes prices having come down.

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह :** जिसकी सेहत जितनी इजाजत दे ज्यादा से ज्यादा उतना लेना चाहिए। डायट का बैलेंस तो रखना ही पड़ता है। चावल भी ज्यादा नहीं खा सकते हैं, वह भी आलू की तरह से खराब करता है।

**श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :** आप लोग कम खाते हैं, हम लोग ज्यादा खाते हैं।

14.04 hrs.

#### ELECTION TO COMMITTEE

*National oilseeds and Vegetable oils Development Board*

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) :** Sir, I beg to move the following :—

“That in pursuance of sub-section (4) (e) of Section 4 of the National Oilseeds and vegetable Oils Development Board Act, 1983, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as members of the National Oilseeds and vegetable Oils Development Board, subject to the other provisions of the said Act.”

**MR. CHAIRMAN :** The question is :

“That in pursuance of sub section (4) (e) of Section 4 of the National Oilseeds and vegetable Oils Development Board Act, 1983, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such

manner as the Speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as members of the National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board, subject to the other provisions of the said Act.”

*The motion was adopted.*

14.06 hrs.

#### MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) *Need to give clearance to Mahanadi Chitrotapala irrigation project*

**SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack) :** Extension of irrigation potential of Mahanadi Chitrotapala island, Orissa has been planned to be taken up in two phases. The project report for the first phase to provide irrigation to Mahanadi Chitrotapala island has been prepared and submitted to the Central Water Commission in December, 1982 for technical scrutiny and approval of Planning Commission. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 19.46 crores. It is regrettable that the planning Commission has not yet given clearance for the execution of this irrigation project.

The completion of this irrigation project will create irrigation potential of 15342 hectares of Kharif crops and 11507 hectares of Rabi crops in Mahanadi - Chitrotapala island in Orissa. The farmers of the State of Orissa have been facing great difficulties in the absence of irrigation facilities. Therefore it is necessary to execute the above irrigation project during the current plan period.

I request the concerned Minister to lay greater emphasis on this project and direct the Central Water Commission to clear this project at an early date. The second phase should also be cleared by Central Water Commission along with the first phase proposal of the Mahanadi - Chitrotapala irrigation project.