

(श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी)

इस समय विशेष तौर से उत्तर प्रदेश में सरकार द्वारा खरीदे हुए गेहूँ के भंडारण की समस्या बनी हुई है। लाखों बोरी गेहूँ खुले में इस वर्षा के मौसम में क्रय केन्द्रों पर पड़ा है और सड़ रहा है। जनपद शाहजहांपुर में करीब 10,000 बोरी से अधिक गेहूँ क्रय केन्द्रों पर सड़ चुका है और अभी भी बाहर पड़े गेहूँ को सुरक्षित स्थान पर रखने का कोई प्रयास किसी भी सरकारी एजेंसी द्वारा नहीं किया जा रहा है। सरकारी अधिकारी भ्रूक दशक बनकर तमाशा देख रहे हैं। मैं इस वक्तव्य द्वारा सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ, ताकि गेहूँ के भण्डारण की व्यवस्था को युद्ध-स्तर पर लिया जाए और देश को इस हानि से बचाया जाए।

(viii) *Problems being faced by Indians, particularly Malayalees' working in Gulf Countries*

****SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN** (Palghat) : The problems of non-resident Indians in general have come up for discussion in the House a number of times. But, the problems of Indians working in Gulf countries have not been given adequate attention. The fact that a sizeable share of the remittances from abroad is from the Gulf countries underscores the need for addressing ourselves to some of their pressing problems, with a sense of urgency. The following are some of their problems which require immediate attention of the Government of India.

(1) In most of the Gulf countries majority of Indians are Malayalees who are engaged in skilled and unskilled work. Since they do not know any other language except Malayalam, they encounter many problems with regard to their service, official

communications etc. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint consul who knows Malayalam in each of the consulates in these countries.

(2) Another demand of the Indians in the Gulf countries is that the duty free allowance should be raised to at least Rs. five thousand.

(3) Similarly, when they return to India and want to set up some industry in this country, they should be given financial assistance at cheaper rates of interest.

(4) Relaxation in age should be granted to those who lose job in Gulf countries and want to join Government service in this country.

(5) An immediate stop should be put to the needless harassment of innocent Gulf passengers by customs officials at Bombay and Trivandrum airports.

I would request the Government of India to take immediate steps in this regard.

12.38 hrs.

DISCUSSION RE : WHITE PAPER ON PUNJAB AGITATION

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : I beg to move :

"That this House takes note of the White Paper on the Punjab Agitation laid on the Table of the House on 23rd July, 1984."

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved :

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The original speech was delivered in Malayalam.