

या मिर्जापुर की सदर तहसील को औद्योगिक रूप से पिछड़ा घोषित किया जाये तथा मिर्जापुर शहर के आसपास कम से कम एक बड़ा तथा कुछ मझोले उद्योग स्थापित किये जायें।

(iv) Relief measures for flood affected areas in katihar district, Bihar.

श्री तारिक अनवर (कटिहार) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय अब तक तो बिहार सूखे से जूझ रहा था किन्तु अब बाढ़ से जूलस रहा है। अभी विशेष वर्षा न होने पर भी घेरे निर्वाचन क्षेत्र कटिहार जिले के आमदाबाव ब्लॉक स्थित ग्राम गुम्नागाची तथा आजमनगर ब्लॉक में धवौल महानन्दा नदी के कटाव के कारण चिन्ताजनक हालत में है तो बरारी ब्लॉक में जोनियां कटिबंध तथा टोपरा चौकिया पहाड़पुर तटबन्ध के चैन सं० मूल्य से 200 तक में गंगा नदी के कटाव से गम्भीर खतरा उत्पन्न हो गया है। महानन्दा तटबन्ध के धवौल ग्राम में तटबन्ध टूट गया है एवं उसी तटबन्ध के सिकटिया, बहारखाल एवं शेषपुरा में भयंकर कटाव जारी है। किसी समय भी तटबन्ध कट सकता है। इसलिए उन उसभी लोगों को बचाने के लिए तत्काल कोई उचित व्यवस्था सरकार करे :

बाढ़ की उक्त स्थिति से निपटने के लिए काफ़ी पहले एक योजना बनाई गई थी और उस के एस्टीमेट को भी अक्टूबर 1981 में स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई थी। किन्तु सम्बन्धित अधिकारियों की लापरवाही के कारण ही 10 महीने बीतने पर भी कोई कार्यान्वयन आज तक नहीं हो सका तथा बाढ़ का खतरा क्षेत्र की जनता के समक्ष उपस्थित हो गया। इस प्रकार की स्थिति के कारण वहां की जनता में रोष एवं क्रोध व्याप्त है जो स्वाभाविक भी है।

मेरा केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुरोध है कि कटिहार जिले की जनता को बाढ़ की भयंकर स्थिति से बचाने के लिए तत्काल कोई ठोस व्यवस्था करें तथा उन लोगों को रसद आदि भी पहुंचाये ताकि उन के सामने भुखमरी की स्थिति और अन्निक पैदा न हो। इस के साथ ही बाढ़ का प्रकोप शांत होने के तत्काल बाद ही उक्त योजना पर प्रमत्त ध्यान कराया जावे ताकि भविष्य में बाढ़ के कारण होने वाले जन एवं धन के नुकसान से बचाया जा सके और वहां की जनता को भी कष्टों से मुक्ति मिल सके।

(v) Observing 17th September, the birthday of Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy as Social Justice Day.

\*Shri Jai Pal Singh Kashyap (Aonla) : September 17 should be declared the Social Justice Day to honour the birthday of Thanthai Periyar. From 1922 to 1973 Thanthai Periyar had waged a relentless war on Vanashram dharma and the consequent social atrocities. He was born in Brode on 17th September. His birthday has become a day of jubilation among the people of the entire country. He sacrificed his life at the altar of service to the Scheduled Castes and backward classes and for their social equality and upliftment. His birthday September 17, should be dedicated to his memory as the Social Justice Day.

(vi) Alleged crisis in publishing industry due to high cost of paper.

\*Shri Arjun Sethi (Bhadrak) : I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance under rule 377. The Publishing Industry is facing serious crisis due to high cost of paper. The industry has been unable to obtain paper at concessional rate for text books during the last one year. The non-availability of paper led to the increase in the prices of the text books. The number of new publications has also come down.

It is regrettable that the paper prices have gone up 400 per cent over the last decade. This has resulted in a rise in prices of books, which had hit not only the general public but also the students, authors and, above all, the publishers themselves.

Unless the rise in prices of paper is checked the Government plan for spreading literacy and education will not be fully implemented. Therefore, the publishing houses should be supplied paper at

\*The original speech was delivered in Tamil.

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concessional rates for soft cover edition and text books. The newsprint quota, should also be revised at the same time I request the Government to enforce the provisions of the 1974 Paper control Order Strictly.

(vii) Need for a direct Air India Flight from Trivandrum to Doha and Muscat.

**Prof P.J. Kurien (Mavellkara) :** The Indians residing in Doha and Muscat have sent in a number of representations to Government of India demanding direct flights from Doha and Muscat to Trivandrum. Nearly a lakh of Indians, mostly Keralites, are residing in these two places and they face a lot of difficulties for want of direct flights. They are now coming to Kerala via Bombay Airport where they are put to much inconvenience and harassment. On a number of occasions I have seen Keralites coming from these countries in Bombay Airport and staying for days together for getting a seat in Cochin flight. Most of them come with OK ticket from abroad, only to be told by I.A. officials that they are in the waiting list and finally they are forced to stay in Bombay wasting their precious holidays and spending a lot of money and putting up with much difficulties. The only solution to the problem is direct flight to Trivandrum from Doha and Muscat. Air India is in favour of commencing these flights. Hon. Minister had given assurance more than once in this House that steps will be taken to start these flights. But so far the assurance has not materialised.

I urge upon the Minister for civil Aviation to take immediate steps to start Doha-Trivandrum and Muscat-Trivandrum flights.

(viii) Demand for circular/Ring Road transport service in Bangalore City.

**Shri T.R. Shamanna (Bangalore South) :** Bangalore city has grown abnormally in recent year both in size and population. In 1971 the population of the the city

was 16 lakhs and in 1981 it has shot up to nearly 30 Lakhs. Within 20 years the city which was 40 sq. miles is now nearing 80 sq. miles. This rapidly growing city is facing inadequate transport facilities. The city's growth is to a great extent "horizontal" (it is about 20 Km. east to west and north to south is 18 Km). Though there are monopolized bus services (B.T.S.) and many two and three-wheeler vehicles, the transport facility is rather very inadequate. Many newly formed layouts and undeveloped areas have no means of transport. More than 5 lakhs of students, factory-workers, office going commuters have to move about from their houses to their working spots. Delhi has nearly 3,500 buses but Bangalore has only about 600 buses. The bus will be generally overcrowded and there will be long queues in bus-stops. Thousands of people come every day from roundabout villages and from other parts of the State.

On account of water scarcity and lack of other civic needs, there is an urge for developing satellite towns.

Year after the problem of traffic needs is going from bad to worse. There is a strong urge to have circular or ring rail service to meet the increasing traffic needs of the city.

Want of adequate finance is the usual excuse put forth to take up the programme to give a ring rail to Bangalore city.

Delhi being the capital city of Central Government, it has got an electric train project which will be shortly put into Service. It is of utmost necessity that steps should be taken to start the project for a ring road to Bangalore in order to meet the transport of this growing city. Further, the open space available round the city is being used for building houses and factories. If it is delayed, the cost of acquiring land will be more. The Government of Karnataka and the city corporation and Bangalore Development Authority have agreed to give land and also bear a major share of finance.