

The natural calamity which took place this year has been yet another most horrible experience and the seriousness of the situation is such which calls for most effective and immediate remedial measures to help the border people tide over the hardships they are presently in.

I would, therefore, fervently urge upon the Central Government to provide the poor border people with adequate financial assistance.

It would be most appreciated if such financial assistance is made available before the month of March, 1984 as would enable the people to meet the expenses involved in restoring the farming plots so affected by the hailstorm.

(vi) Sufficient Funds needed for setting up of a captive Power Plant at Haldia Unit of H.F.C.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA (Tamluk) : Haldia Fertilizer Project has been limping for production after 11 years of construction and commissioning activities, and spending over Rs. 330 crores from the Government exchequer. But all the prospects of commercial production from the factory have suffered a serious set back very recently when two of the three oxygen compressors of the Ammonia Plant were badly damaged. The first incident took place on 18.10.1983 causing the damage to one compressor. But it is surprising that the management tried to run another compressor without investigating the causes of the first incident. In the process the second compressor went down on 9.11.1983. Now all the production activities of the project have come to a standstill and a heavy investment is necessary to repair both the compressor. Moreover, the burden of loan and interest is very much there.

Government have taken a decision to set up a 30 MW captive power plant in the project but the construction works have not yet started because necessary funds have not been allocated. The preventive maintenance of the plant is also very poor and any portion of the plant may break down any

time. Therefore, I urge upon the government to release sufficient funds for setting up of a 30 MW captive power plant repair of damaged compressors for maintenance of the plant, proper monitoring system should be introduced to have a close watch on the project for early commercial production.

(vii) Central assistance to Bihar for Drinking Water Supply Schemes for Patna, Ranchi and Dhanbad.

श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री (पटना) : ऐसे तो बिहार के हजारों ग्रामों में अब तक शुद्ध पेय जल की व्यवस्था नहीं हो सकी है। इसकी कमी से शहर भी पीड़ित है। प्रायः सभी नगर पालिकाओं के क्षेत्रों में पीने के पानी का अभाव है। जिस गति से छोटे-बड़े शहरों का विकास हो रहा है उस गति से पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था नहीं हो पा रही है।

पटना बिहार की राजधानी है और रांची तथा धनबाद बड़े शहर होने के अलावा राज्य के प्रमुख औद्योगिक क्षेत्र भी हैं। इन तीनों शहरों का विकास भी बड़ी तेजी के साथ हो रहा है। इसके साथ ही पेय जल की कमी बढ़ती जा रही है। पानी के अभाव में लोगों की परेशानियों का अनुमान लगाया जा सकता है। फलस्वरूप उनमें असंतोष का होना भी स्वाभाविक है।

बिहार सरकार ने पटना, रांची और धनबाद जैसे प्रमुख नगरों में पेय जल की व्यवस्था करने के लिए 70 करोड़ रुपए की एक योजना तैयार की है। कहते हैं कि वहां की सरकार आवश्यक सहायता के लिए उक्त योजना को भारत सरकार के पास भेज भी चुकी है।

सरकार से मेरा अनुरोध है कि वह उक्त योजना को शीघ्र क्रियान्वित के लिए राज्य सरकार को पूरी सहायता करे।