

were Present when these bodies were found. Some ten bodies had been washed ashore between Vedaranyam and Port Calimers in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu between August 29 and September 1, 1981. The local authorities had disposed of the bodies probably to hide the facts and in support of their intimation to the Government that no body was found.

The DMK leader showed recently to newsmen the photographs of some skeltons found near the shore. It is feared that the dead bodies were those of Tamilians of Shri Lanka who had been murdered in the recent racial riots in Sri Lanka.

Many thousands of families of Tamilians have been stranded at Thalaimannar, Sri Lanka, and they are all keen to come away because of uncertainties prevalent there. But there are no steamers for transporting all of them. It is demanded that a probe must be ordered immediately to confirm that these bodies were those of Tamilians of Sri Lanka. There is going to be a statewide all-party hartal on 12-9-81 in TamilNadu to express the resentment of the people here at the atrocities on Tamilians in Sri Lanka.

With no signs of abatement of communal conflagration in Sri Lanka, it is necessary for the Government to take immediate steps for transporting all those wanting to come to India. It is not a question of internal problem of another country. It is a human problem of millions of people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka.

I demand immediate probe in the matter of finding out whether the dead bodies were those of Tamilians of Sri Lanka.

(vi) PROPOSED BOYCOTT OF SOME LEADING DRUG COMPANIES BY RETAIL CHEMISTS OF BOMBAY.

SHRI R. K. MHALGI (Thane): Mr. Chairman, Sir, retail chemists of Bombay have threatened to boycott the entire range of 57 leading drug companies, including the State-owned Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. in order to press their demand for higher trade margin. According to Chemist plan, the boycott will commence from 15th September, 1981.

A few days ago, when the representatives of the Chemists' Association met the Union Minister of Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilisers, he is reported to have assured them that the matter would be looked into. But no substantial progress has been made. If the boycott by chemists starts as per schedule, lacs of poor people in Maharashtra and other parts of the country would be put to great hardship in getting the must medicines in every day life.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to look into the matter immediately and to take urgent steps to save the people from impending boycott by Chemists' Association.

(vii) ENQUIRY INTO WORKING OF THE MANAGEMENT OF GANDEI EYE HOSPITAL, ALIGARH.

SHRI CHANDRA PAL SHAILANI (Hathras): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Gandhi Eye Hospital, Aligarh, is an