

15.01 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) INSTALLATION OF STATUES OF MAHATMA GANDHI AND SARDAR BHAGAT SINGH

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी (हिसार) : इंडिया गेट से जार्ज पांच के बुत को हमने हटाया था और हमारी मांग थी कि राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी जी की मूर्ति स्थापित की जाए। तीन बार कमेटी नियुक्त हुई और उन्होंने फैसला किया कि राष्ट्रपिता जी की मूर्ति वहां लगाई जाए। परन्तु व्यर्थ देरी की जा रही है। इंडिया गेट पर राष्ट्रपिता की मूर्ति वहां लगाई जाए, ताकि वहां से विदेशी व भारतीयों को प्रेरणा मिले। जिस तरह से हमने लार्ड इरविन की मूर्ति जो संसद् भवन के सामने थी का तोड़ा, क्योंकि इसी लार्ड के समय शहीदे-आजम भगत सिंह को फांसी दी गई थी। हमारी मांग है कि यहां शहादे-आजम भगत सिंह की मूर्ति लगाई जाए। मैं सरकार से अनुरोध करूंगा कि राष्ट्रपिता की मूर्ति लगाने में देरी और शहीदे-आजम की मूर्ति न लगाना राष्ट्रहित की बात नहीं है। मैं चाहूंगा कि तुरंत राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गान्धी जी की मूर्ति इंडिया गेट पर और शहीदे-आजम भगत सिंह की मूर्ति जहां लार्ड इरविन का बुत था, स्थापित की जाए।

(ii) ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF ITEMS MEANT FOR ORISSA CYCLONE VICTIMS

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY (Calcutta South): Sir, the recent cyclone in Orissa hit hard the coastal areas of the State affecting people of 17 Sub-divisions in seven districts involving lakhs of people into sufferings, loss of property, human lives and thousands of cattle have perished.

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[SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI in the chair]

This situation calls for human sympathy and dedicated services but I regret to say that the relief measures taken by the authorities so far are inadequate. People in most of the worst-affected areas are yet to get relief. But whatever quantity of rice and atta is distributed to marooned and destitute people that also is reported to be sub-standard and hardly fit for human consumption. My leader Shri Samar Mukherjee and the Secretary of the Orissa State Committee of our Party had visited the place and described that a large section of the poor people who had lost their houses and everything were not getting proper relief. Therefore, I urge upon the Government for adequate quantity of rice and atta being sent immediately to the affected areas and see that the quality of relief rice is fit for human consumption and reaches the cyclone-affected sufferers.

Sir, you are from Orissa. This is the quality of rice....

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no.

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY: This is the quality of rice. The whole House should see. (Interruptions). You are from Orissa.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Go to your seat please.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It cannot be done like that. Mr. Bheekhabhai.

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY: This is the quality of rice. What is the reaction of the Government? The Minister is also here. Sir, this is the quality of rice they are supplying.

(Interruptions)