

it, I would not have believed it Sagar-
malha..... [English]

MR. SPEAKER: Your speeches are so interesting that we want to keep listening, but there is not much time at our disposal.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: I am not giving a speech. I am putting my point very briefly. All the three rivers are bringing top soil from the Himalayas...

MR. SPEAKER: Please wind up now.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: I am concluding. This matter is related to Nepal also. Due to the machinations of some contractors the repair work cannot be done. So I request that a team be sent there consisting of MPs from all parties and also representatives of the Nepalese Government. A solution to this problem could be delayed if handled by the official machinery. This problem of erosion is troubling both India and Nepal. I would, therefore, request that a Parliamentary team may be formed for the purpose.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Sir, I would like to draw your attention to an important international matter. As you know, Sir, India has always worked for world peace. Yesterday a treaty was signed between Russia and the U.S. by Mr. George Bush and Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev. I think this is a historic treaty. Government of India and this house should have welcomed this treaty. I would like the Government on Hon. Speaker to bring a resolution which expresses support for this treaty, because by this move the super powers are moving towards world peace which has always been our goal.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: If the Chair brings such a Resolution, it will be passed unanimously.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Sir, it is no doubt a historic Treaty. I met you this morning in your Chamber and you yourself welcomed that and said that this is a major historic treaty. After meeting you, I talked to the Foreign Minister and also I talked to the former Foreign Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji and the leaders of various parties. There is full agreement on the proposal that a small welcome message should go from the House, and the Foreign Minister is consulting the Prime Minister and I think that with a small message he will come, may be from the Chair that message will go welcoming this historic Treaty and also hoping that it will ultimately lead to total ban on armaments. I think it is a welcome historic Treaty and it concerns the entire world, the peace-loving people all over the world.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE (Lucknow): Sir, it would be better if the Government makes a statement on this Treaty. This statement should reflect the Government's point of view because whatever has happened is most welcome. Whatever remains to be done should also be discussed. India has adopted a stand on nuclear disarmament and today there is need to reiterate it. That is why I had suggested to Shri Yadav that a statement should come from the Government and then all of us may express our support.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: The hon. Foreign Minister has said that he will talk to the hon. Prime Minister and convey our sentiments today itself.

MR. SPEAKER: I think this is a very good suggestion. I will discuss it with the Government, Opposition leaders and other hon. Members and an appropriate step will be taken.

✓ **THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):** I agree with you and shall convey your feelings. We have always been active supporters of such things. We have always passed Resolutions in support of such developments. So this is nothing new.

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI (Saidpur): Sir, I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity. The hon. Agriculture Minister is about to make a statement on the drought situation. In this context... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA (Hazaribagh): Sir, those sitting on the back benches are not given an opportunity to speak... *(Interruptions)*... Please allow the backbenchers also to make a submission... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: I would like to raise a very serious matter. Although power is in short supply throughout the country, the situation in Uttar Pradesh is particularly bad and everyone in the state is facing the difficulty. In the situation of drought the farmers are unable to use their pump-sets and tube-wells as there is a shortage of electricity. The supply of power is very erratic. The Power Minister also belongs to that region. Even kerosene lamps cannot be lit as there is scarcity of kerosene oil. There is no electric supply even for lighting purposes. People are facing a lot of hardship. The Government should make arrangements to set up an efficient power supply system in Uttar Pradesh so that there is power supply round the clock. *(Interruptions)*.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member on the last Bench will speak now.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA (Hazaribagh): Sir, I

would like to make a request regarding Hazaribagh district of Bihar. North Karnpura... *(Interruptions)*... two years back the Bihar Government had sent a proposal for setting up a Super Thermal Power Stations at that place. The project which would have a capacity of 1000 MW is estimated to cost Rs. 100 crore. This power station is expected to meet the power shortage in Bihar. There are two projects in the area—the Ashoka project and the Magadh project. Both are coal-based projects. These projects are also expected to contribute towards fulfilling the shortage of power. So I would urge the Central Government to give clearance to the North Karnpura project so that work can be started immediately *(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: This is not going on record. Now, the Minister of Agriculture will make a Statement on drought situation.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: We are discussing the flood and drought situation in the country. Pleased don't do this.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: We are discussing the flood and drought situation in various parts of the country. Please allow us to listen.

*(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: All matters are important. You will not interrupt and what you are going to say will not go on record.

*(Interruptions)**