MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I am sorry I cannot go further on this.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: You are communicating to me.....

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have communicated to you the decision of the Speaker in the matter and that is the end of it.

16.30 hrs.

MATTER UNDER RULE 377 Reported Closure of Muktapur Jute Mills, Samastipur, Bihar

श्रो राम सेवक हजारी (रोसड़ा) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, विहार राज्य के समस्तीपुर जिला ग्रन्तर्गत मुकतापुर जूट मिल दिनांक 29 जून, 1978 से बन्द कर दिया गया जिसमै चार हजार मजदूर बैकार बैठे हैं।

मिल मालिक का कहना है कि मिल घाटे मैं चल रहा है, लेकिन धस्तुस्थिति यह हैं कि रामेश्वर जूट मिल ग्राधुनिक है तथा इस जूट मिल को पाट (जूट) 300 रुपये प्रति टन मिलता है ग्रीर यह मिल मुनाफ़े मैं चल रहा था, लेकिन बंगाल के दो मिलों से रामेश्वर जूट मिल को जोड़ दिया गया है (टेक कर दिया है) ग्रोर बंगाल के दो मिल जिन को पाट (जूट) ग्रधिक कीमतों पर मिलता है, वहां के जूट कीमतों को मिला कर ग्रीर ग्रन्य खर्च दिखा कर रामेश्वर जूट मिल को घाटे मैं क्लो का घोखा दिया जा रहा है ।

बिहार सरकार के श्रम विभाग के पदाधिकारियों ने भी जांच पड़ताल मैं इन्हीं खामियों को पाया है ।

ग्रतः में भारत सरकार के उद्योग मंती से विनम्प्र ग्राग्रह करता हूं कि रामेश्वर जूट मिल, मुकतापुर को शीघ्रताशीघ्र सरकारी नियन्त्रग मैं ले कर चलाने की व्यवस्था करें क्योंकि चार हजार मजदूरों के Khadi and Village Industries 408 Comm. (Amdt.) Bill

सामने रोजी रोटी की समस्या है । 29 जून, 1978 से इन मजदूरों के सामने भयंकर भुखमरी की समस्या खड़ी हो गई है ।

16.32 hrs.

KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL—contd.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now we take up Khadi and Village Industries Commission (Amendment) Bill. Shri Nathwani may continue his speech.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI (Junagadh): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, while speaking on the Bill during the last session I referred to Gandhiji's views on machine and self-sufficiency and I also quoted from his writings to show that the underlying idea regarding khadi and village industries was to provide employment and that too as a cottage industry. I have also tried to point out that it is wrong to object to the proposed enlarged definition of khadi by calling it something sacriligeous or which amounts to killing the spirit of Gandhiji. Gandhiji's was not a fossilised mind; he always used to change his ideas in the light of experience, gained. But he never compromised where moral principles were involved. I tried to point out that the main idea was to provide employment to rural people and to see that they got something which would ensure them livelihood. I stressed good that Gandhiji was a great realist.

16.33 hrs.

[DR. SUSHILA NAYAR in the Chair]

Objections have been taken that if you introduce man-made fibre you would destroy self-sufficiency; there would be no rural bias is in that; you would be depending on big units and so on. Now let us see what the present definition of khadi is: which is the raw material which is being used