

[Shri Samar Guha]

I want that the hon. Minister should give an assurance as to when this discussion will be held. Every day, we are getting reports from there. Just a few days before, there was a severe storm and all the huts of 45,000 people, some kind of small polythene sheds, were completely destroyed and shattered. Every day, reports are coming that some people are killing themselves by hanging and thousands of people are starving there. What a horrible scene! There is no relief work, no shelter, no food, nothing. Even the relief organisations are not being rushed to the site to give some relief. Is it not a cruel way of killing the people? Is that the way of Government, either at the Centre or in the State, dealing with such a serious situation? I want to know from the Government. This is a serious matter which demands a discussion in the House. I want an assurance from the Government. I want to know what is the reaction of the Government and whether an assurance will be given for discussing this matter. This is a horrible situation. This is an unbearable situation. Hundreds of people have already died and are dying. Would you, Sir, draw the attention of the Minister concerned to this request of mine for a discussion on this matter?

MR CHAIRMAN: You have said it quite forcefully. But, as you know, the practice is that the Member should only confine to what he has given in writing. Now, it is for the Minister to make a statement.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: I want to know whether you will draw the attention of the Minister concerned and ask him to make a statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A copy will be sent to the Minister.

(ii) REPORTED STRIKE BY MEDICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS IN DELHI

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN (Cannanore): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of

the House to the serious situation obtaining in the medical colleges in Delhi as a result of the strike of medical students. For the last two or three days, a strike is going on. They came to meet the Health Minister demanding that their demands should be conceded. Their demands are quite just. They demand that their stipend should be enhanced from Rs. 300 to Rs. 500; they want facility for all those students who pass out of the medical colleges to be given the job of House Surgeon in Delhi hospitals. Their another demand is for a higher percentage of students who pass out from the medical colleges in Delhi to go to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences for post-graduate studies. Lastly, they want better hostel facilities and things like that.

I do not think anybody will say that their demands are unjust or unreasonable. But I am surprised to see that the Health Minister, in spite of all his talk about socialism and friendship with the people, refused to meet their deputation. I would request you, Sir, to direct the Minister to make a statement on this matter. I would also request the Minister to intervene in the matter and settle it amicably.

(iii) REPORTED DECISION OF BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY TO TERMINATE SERVICES OF TEMPORARY LECTURERS

श्री हरिकेश बहुबुर (गोरखपुर) : मान्यवर, आप की अनुमति से मैं बनारस विश्व विद्यालय के अस्थायी अध्यापकों से संबंधित अविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के एक प्रश्न पर यह बतलाव देना चाहता हूँ कि बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में बहुत बड़ी संख्या में कुछ प्राध्यापक गत कई वर्षों से अस्थायी तौर पर अध्यापन कार्य कर रहे हैं। इस वर्ष अचानक यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि अस्थायी अध्यापकों की सेवाएँ अगले विद्या सत्र से समाप्त कर दी जायें। इसके लक्षण चार सौ अस्थायी प्राध्यापकों का