

[Shri R. V. Swaminathan]

4 kms. into the villages situated in the coastal stretch, for 50 miles of Tiruvandanai Taluk, all fishermen's families living in these areas have been hard hit. The worst affected areas are Sundara-pandiapatnam, Tiruppalakudy, Thondi, Nambuthalai, Puthupatturam, etc. in Tiruvandanai Taluk. There is acute scarcity for drinking water. Sea water has stagnated everywhere, which poses a big problem. Sea water has entered into the paddy fields which has made it uncultivable. Many telephone and electric posts have been uprooted. Repairs to the roads is estimated to be Rs. 25 lakhs, Casualties and loss would have been very heavy but for the advance and timely steps taken by the local and district officials to evacuate the villagers from the low lying areas to protect them. However, 50 villages were submerged by tidal waves. It is quite surprising and painful to note that even with such severe cyclonic storm, the rainfall in these areas was not sufficient enough to cater to the needs of the villagers. The agriculturists feel much hardship to carry on their operations without water facilities. It is a pity that relief measures against drought as well as cyclone damage are to be taken simultaneously in the Ramnathapuram district. The Central Government should take immediate relief measures in these areas to rescue the people from the calamities.

(ii) REPORTED SCARCITY OF CEMENT AND OTHER BUILDING MATERIALS IN ASSAM.

श्री ए० ए० पटवारी (मंगलदाई) : अमम में घर बनाने की सामग्री जैसे—सी आई शीट्स

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to read the statement. You have just to follow strictly what you have given to the Speaker. I think you have given it in English.

SHRI H. L. PATWARY: I don't have the copy in English... This may be taken as its translation in Hindi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. This is not the way. You must be serious in the House.

SHRI H. L. PATWARY: Yes, Sir. Under rule 377, I wish to raise the following matter:

"There is an acute scarcity of cement, C.I. sheets and iron rods. Hence the entire development and construction work of houses for tea garden labourers and others have been affected. As such, a serious situation is prevailing. Moreover, the general economic situation is affected, due to shortage of salt. Bihar has got more rail wagons than its quota; but Assam has not received the same, in spite of the registration fee deposited. As such, the whole economic situation has been affected. In addition, law and order problems may arise. Hence I draw the attention of the concerned Ministers to this."

(iii) ATROCITIES ON TRIBALS OF SINGHBHOOM, RANCHI, DUMKA, ETC. DISTRICTS OF CHHOTA NAGPUR.

श्री ए० के० राय (धनबाद) : मैं नियम 377 के अधीन निम्न विषय की श्रौर श्राप का ध्यान आकषिपत करना चाहता हूँ :

बिहार के छोटा नागपुर इलाके में सिंहभूम जिले में आदिवासियों पर लगातार गोलीकांड तथा अत्याचार के फलस्वरूप आदिवासियों की हत्या ।

बिहार के छोटा नागपुर इलाके में सिंहभूम, रांची, दमका आदि जिलों में आदिवासियों पर बहुत दिनों से सरकार, महाजन, पूंजीपतियों तथा विभिन्न प्रकार के बाहरी लुटेरों के द्वारा अत्याचार होता रहा है। फिलहाल जब आदिवासियों के अन्दर जागृति पैदा हुई तथा उन लोगों ने संगठित होकर अपने संरक्षण के लिये झारखंड प्रान्त तथा अपने अधिकार की आवाज उठाई तब सरकार के प्रशासन तथा वन विभाग द्वारा अत्याचार ने श्रौर जोर पकड़ा जिस के फलस्वरूप सिंहभूम जिले में पिछले एक महीने के अन्दर दो गोली कांड हुए तथा फिलहाल रांची जिले के खूंटी में आदिवासियों पर गोली चलाई गई। इस गोली कांड के चलते सिंहभूम में चार आदिवासियों तथा खूंटी में एक आदिवासी की मृत्यु हुई।

आदिवासी लोग झाड़ में रहते हैं, मछली जैसे पानी बिना जिन्दा नहीं रह सकती है वैसे ही आदिवासी लोगों के लिये जंगल उन के रोजी रोटी आवास का साधन है और छोटा नागपुर के जंगल में साल, मदुआ आदि जंगल जो प्रकृति की स्वाभाविक देन है वह सरकार के लिए वन सम्पदा का स्रोत तथा आदिवासियों के लिये रोजी रोटी का भी साधन है। विशेष रूपसे साल के गांठ से, पत्ता से, फल से, फूल से इन लोगों की रोजी रोटी तथा उन का धर्म भी जुड़ा हुआ है। फिल-