आपको देखना चाहिये कि इनकी दशा सुधरे और इन पर किसी भी प्रकार के अत्याचार या जोर जबर्दस्ती न हो ।

पब्लिक अंडरटेकिंग्ज, सैमी पब्लिक अंडरटेकिंग्ज और प्राइवेट लोगों द्वारा संचालित जितने कारखाने चल रहे है वहां पर भी आपको इन के लिए आरक्षण की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिये । मैं यह भी चाहता हूं कि जितने एरियर्ज बचे हुए है उनकी पूर्ति पहले की जानी चाहिए, पहले उनके लिए जो आरक्षित स्थान है और जो पहले से चले आ रहे है उनकी पूर्ति इन जातियों के लोगों में से की जानी चाहिये और जब इनका कोटा पूरा हो जाए तब दूसरे लोगों की नियुक्तियां हों । इस प्रकार के कदम आप उठायेंगे तब कही जा कर इनका उत्थान हो सकेगा, इनको सांस लेने का मौका मिल सकेगा और ये लोग समझ सकेंगे कि जनता सरकार हमारे लिए कुछ कर रही है ।

अन्त में मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूं कि जो जमीन इनको दी जाए वह कागजों पर ही न दी जाए बल्कि उनका कब्जा भी इनको दिलाया जाए । साथ ही पंचायतों, नगर पालिकाओं में इनके लिए आरक्षण की व्यवस्था की जाए और निजी कारखानों, पब्लिक और सैमी पब्लिक अण्डरटेकिंग्ज में जो एरियर्ज हैं उनमें अर्जेन्ट पहले इनकी भरती हो बाद में दूसरों की हो ।

15.18 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRACK ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY DUE TO CYCLONE

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Sir, I rise to make a statement to apprise the House of the widespread damage to railway track and suspension of train services on the Southern Railway due to the cyclonic storm which hit parts of Tamilnadu on November 11th and also of the steps benig taken by the Railways to restore through communications which are so vital for the general flood relief work.

I, accompanied by the Member, Engineering, Railway Board, and the General Manager of Southern Railway, visited the flood affected areas yesterday and made an aerial survey of the places where breaches in railway track had occurred disrupting communications. I also inspected, on foot, the railway colonies and station yards in the Tiruchirapalli area, particularly at Srirangam. During my aerial survey, I covered the sections fromTiruchirapalli to Thanjavur, Nagappatinam, Nagore, Kodikkarai, Karaikkudi, Dindigul, Samudran, Karur and back to Tiruchirapali.

The cyclonic storm left a train of destruction in its wake. Railway communication lines were seriously disrupted, rivers and stream in the Cauvery basin flooded and the railway tracks flooded and breached at a number of locations affecting rail services from the night of the 11th instant. Heavy damage was caused to the track, station buildings, etc. especially Nagappatinam, Thiruvarur, Kodikkarai, Pudur, Karur and Golden Rock. A major bridge across Amravati river, consisting of 20 spans of 50 ft. each, has been seriously damaged and 6 piers along with their adjoining girders and track washed away.. Flooding of track has occurred at a number of locations between Villupuram and Tiruchchirapalli on the main, as well as the chord lines, Tiruchchirapalli-Dindigul, Tiruchchirapalli-Karur and Dindigul-Palani Sections. Extensive breaches to track around Tiruchchirapalli had isolated Tiruchchirapalli from all directions. A number of railwaymen's colonies have been inundated forcing the inhabitants to take shelter on railway platforms etc. About 25,000 railway families

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have been affected. The estimated loss to the Railways due to the cyclone is approximately Rs. 1.5 crores.

As a result of the above damage, train services on the following sections had to be suspended from 12th instant:

(i) Tiruchchirapalli-Erode (B.G.)

(ii) Vridchachalam-Tiruchchirapalli (M.G.)

(iii) Tiruchchirapalli - Dindigul (M.G.)

(iv) Dindigul-Palani (M.G.)

(v) Vridhachalam-Salem (M.G.).

(vi) Mayuram-Karaikkudi (M.G.)

(vii) Thanjavur-Nagore (M. G.).

(viii) Thanjavur-Mayuram (M.G.

(ix) Tiruturaipundi-Kodikkarai (M.G.)

I am happy to inform the House that due to the untiring efforts of the Railwaymen, who have been working round the clock, it has been possible to restore by yesterday through communiciatons between Madras and Tirchchirapalli and to Madurai via Karakkudi and Manamadurai. This restoration, which has been done in record time, will greatly assist the Civil authorities in the distribution of essential commodities such as foodgrains, POL products etc. Restricted Passenger train services have also been introduced on these sections.

The Tiruchchirapalli-Dindigul Section, which has been damaged at various places along the track, with lengths of breaches aggregating to 5 kms. in a stretch of 50 kms. will be restored in three to four weeks time. On the Broad Gauge section between Erode and Tiruchchirapalli temporary bridging work will be taken up in hand on the Amravati river. This will be completed in 4 weeks' time so that rail traffic on this section can be restored. After my inspection of the flooded railway colonies, I am satisfied that prompt relief measures have been taken by the Railway Administration to alleviate the sufferings of the affected railway staff. Advance pay has been given to needy employees and I have also sanctioned Rs. 1,00 lakh from the Railway Ministers' Relief Fund and other Railway Welfare Funds, which will be utilised for the relief of the worst affected class IV Railway employees.

On return to Madras from my visit to the flood affected areas, I met the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri M. G. Ramachandran, and apprised him of the progress in the restoration of all rail communications. I have also assured him that the Union Government will render all possible assistance to the people and Government of Tamil Nadu in meeting the situation created by the cyclone and floods. Honourable Members are aware that some more colleagues of mine in the Union Cabinet are visiting the State and an official team will also go there to assess the damage and recommend the quantum of assistance As far as the Railways are concerned, I may assure the House that all possible efforts are being made to restore normal train services as expeditiously as possible.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah): There is a disturbing news that another cyclone is likely to strike Madras coast today.... (*interruption.*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: If all of you persist in speaking, nothing will go on record. No discussion on the statement.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, I do not want to disturb the proceedings, but the anxiety being expressed by my colleague, Shri Mukherjee, is a genuine one and people are very much worried. The news had appeared that a cyclone is likely to hit Madras by this evening. That was the newspaper report. I was in Madras yesterday. On the previous day, the same warning was given. And our latest information is that the cyclone is at a distance of 250 miles from

Madras and all precautions are being taken by the State Government to see that necessary action is taken.

SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN (Tiruppattur): I talked to the Chief Minister this morning. Is the hon. Minister giving us the afternoon news?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Yes.

SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN: Then it is all right

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: This is the latest news that I got 10 minutes ago

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15.26 hrs.

MOTION RE: TWENTIETH, TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-SECOND REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

AND

DISCUSSION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES IN SERVICES AGAINST RESERVED QUOTA—*Contd.*

श्री राम सेवक हजारी (रोसड़ा): उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति कमिश्नर की रिपोर्ट पर मैं अपनी राय जाहिर करना चाहता हूं ।

रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि जो आरक्षण अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जन-जाति के लिये था, उसकी पूर्ति नही की गई और यह सिर्फ एक ही विभाग से नहीं, केन्द्रीय सरकार से ले कर राज्य सरकार तक के जितने भी विभाग थे, उन में जो आरक्षण की पूर्ति होनी चाहिये थी, वह नहीं हो सकी ।

मैं जनता सरकार के माननीय मंत्रियों से आग्रह करना चाहूंगा कि हरिजनों की उपेक्षा जो पिछले 30 वर्षों में की गई, क्या आप भी वैसा ही करना चाहते हैं, उन्ही रास्तों पर चलना चाहते हैं ? यदि नहीं, और बुनियादी तौर पर उनकी समस्याओं का समाधान करना चाहते हैं तो इस सरकार को कुछ करना होगा ।

पिछली सरकार ने पूरे भारत को ही नहीं, दुनिया को यह दिखाने के लिये कि हमने हरिजनों को जमीन दी है, बन्धुआ मजदूरों को मुक्ति दिलाई है, इसका खूब प्रचार किया । लेकिन मैं इस के सम्बन्ध में यह कहना चाहता हूं कि हरिजनों को यह सुविधा नहीं दी गई, बल्कि उन को और ज्यादा परेशानियों मे डाला गया । इस का कारण यही था कि जमीन का वितरण जिस बुनियादी ढंग से होना चाहिये था वह नहीं हो सका । जिस सीलिंग के कारणों से जमीन ली जानी चाहिये थी, मालिकों के कब्जे से हटाना चाहिये था, उन को न हटा कर, कागज के आधार पर हरिजनों के बीच मे बांटा, गैर-मजरुआ और आम-खास जमीनों को सरकार ने अपने कब्जे मे न लिया, हरिजनों के बीच दिखावटी पर्चे दिये गये, उनको धोती और चादर दी गई, ताकि हरिजनों को संतोष हो कि उन को जमीन मिली है । वास्तविकता यह है कि कुछ जमीनें तो पहाड़ी और अलाभकर की जोत वाली जमीन थी और ऐसी जमीनें थीं, जिस में गंगा का पानी है, बहुत सी जमीनों मे कुछ उपज ही नहीं सकता था, जिस जमीन का कोई नामोनिशान ही नही था । उन्होंने यह सिर्फ उन के संतोष के लिये नहीं किया था, दुनिया और भारत के लोगों को दिखाने के लिये किया था, कि कांग्रेस की हुकूमत हरिजनों के लिये कार्य कर रही है, लेकिन मैं समझता हूं कि वास्तविक रूप में जो हरिजनों को देना चाहिए था, वह नही दिया गया । इसी के कारण आज ये घटनाएं घट रही हैं और खून खराबा