

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN (Wandiwash):** We are prepared to give you enough power.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Suppose the Election Commissioner says: 'I am independent; I am not bound to do this'. Then where will I be? There is no question of new powers for the Speaker.

**SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA:** How powerful the Bihar Speaker is?

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN:** The Speaker has allowed it in Bihar.

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** बिहार लोगों का मैं मुकाबला नहीं कर सकता। बिहार के लीग तगड़े हैं और पंजाब के कमजोर हैं।

**श्री श्याम लिनमथे :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप अपने निर्देश के अनुसार तो चल ही सकते हैं। 115 क्या है, उसको देखें :

"A member wishing to point any mistake or inaccuracy...."

मिस्टेक या इनएक्युरसी को करेक्ट करने के लिए है। जब इन्होंने बतला दिया और वे उसकी स्वीकार नहीं करते हैं तो आपको निर्णय करना चाहिए कि यह आपकी गलती है और इसके लिए माफी माँगिए। 115 का कही मतलब है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** दोनों को सुनकर अगर मिश्र जी को कहे कि वह गलत है तो वह मेरे सिर को झरिंगे।

**SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA:** Do not presume my action. (*Interruptions*).

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** जब दो आदमी लड़ते हैं तो समझदार लोग बीच में नहीं आते इस बास्ते कि किसी की लाठी उनको न लग जाए। मुझे आना पड़ता है। मुझे तो दोनों तरफ से लग जाती है। मिश्रजी जब जी चाहता है धीर देते हैं।

**SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi):** Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of an incident in 1969 when Shri Jawaharlal Nehru was the Prime Minister. He came and apologised to me and to the House; it is on the record. You can see that.

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** ऐसे आदमी को स्पीकर नहीं बनाना चाहिये जो तर्जुमा रखता हों। मुझे दस पंद्रह साल का रहा है। नया बनाएँ ताकि उसको जिघ्र चाहें भोड़ा जा सके।

13.11 hrs.

#### MATTER UNDER RULE 377

##### NON-AVAILABILITY OF WAGONS IN KERALA

**DR. HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House to a matter of public importance, namely, the non-availability of wagons to lift rice from various parts of the country to famine-stricken areas, particularly to Kerala. The leading newspapers of Kerala have come out with the news that rice is available, particularly in Nepal and recognised agencies have purchased rice from Nepal, about 5,000 tonnes, and this is lying there and could not be moved due to non-availability of transport facilities. I am not sure whether these reports are correct. Everyone in this House is aware of the serious food situation that is faced by the people of Kerala. The Onam festival which symbolises plenty, during which Lord Mahabali is supposed to visit every home in Kerala, is fast approaching. This is celebrated with great éclat as a national festival in early September every year. The Government and the leaders of Kerala are making hectic efforts to mop up as much rice

as possible and distribute at least six ounces of rice per head to the people of Kerala. It is this critical period that the papers have come out with the above said alarming reports. I should request the hon. Railway Minister to find out whether this is true; if not true, he may inform us about the actual position. In any case arrangements should be made.

I am told by knowledgeable friends that in the railway station called Jaglani in North Bihar on the border of Nepal, rice is being stored by recognised purchasers and it is reported that wagons allotted to that station had been either withdrawn or diverted to other places. This poses a serious problem. I do not know whether it is true or not; but, this matter should be looked into. A team of ministers and political leaders from Kerala are here in town to represent to the authorities concerned and make adequate arrangements to transport rice to Kerala. Therefore, I request the hon. Railway Minister as well as the Food Minister to look into the matter. I am told by Andhra friends that rice is available in Andhra and that it could be sent to Kerala. Arrangements should be made to despatch rice.

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** Sir, I am thankful to Dr. Austin for raising this matter. The Chief Minister of Kerala was here a few weeks back and we had a discussion with him about the movement of foodgrains to Kerala. The position is this. The programmes for movement of rice to Kerala placed upon the Railways by the Food Corporation of India are being carried out concurrently. The outstanding demand in Andhra Pradesh for movement of rice to Kerala till yesterday was only 50 wagons, and this too is being cleared today. Wagons are being supplied as incidents are placed by the FCI from day to day.

13.16 hrs.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1973-74—**  
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**MR. SPEAKER:** Now we take up further discussion on the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1973-74.

We had fixed up one hour for this, but one hour has already been taken. Now the Minister's time is left. How much time will the Minister take?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** About 25 minutes.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Now will the Minister reply?

श्री कृष्ण बिहारी बाजपेयी (काशीपुर) :  
मुझे तो अपना प्राश्न समाप्त कर लेने दीजिए ।

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur):** I would like to have a few minutes. *(Interruptions).*

**MR. SPEAKER:** In am sorry. If I allow one member, there will be many any others also who would like to speak. I sincerely tell you that we are very tight in our programme. I am going to put it again to the Business Advisory Committee. We are losing a lot of time every day.

लंच भी हमने खत्म किया । सेशन को भी बढ़ाया । अब इतना वक्त हम कहां से जाले चले जाएं ? आप दो मिनट में खत्म करें ।

श्री कृष्ण बिहारी बाजपेयी : दो मिनट में कैसे हो सकेगा । ऐससे का व्यायसा बहुत मधीर हो गया है ।