

COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

THIRTEENTH REPORT

SHRIMATI SHARDA MUKERJEE (Ratnagari): I beg to present the Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House.

श्री रामसेवक यादव (बाराबंकी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, गृह मंत्री महोदय ने इस सदन में यह वादा किया था कि जो 102 आदमी गायब हैं, उन की लिस्ट दी जायेगी। कल और परसों, दो दिन, सदन की बैठक नहीं होगी। आप श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल से कहें कि वह उस लिस्ट को सदन में रखें। गृह मंत्री ने सदन में यह वादा किया था कि वह सारी जानकारी देंगे। उस बात को तीन दिन हो गये हैं। तीन महिलायें गायब हैं। कोई कपूर साहब, जो संसोपा विशेषज्ञ हैं, इस बारे में जांच कर रहे हैं। जिन्होंने लोगों पर डंडे चलवाये हैं, उन को जांच का काम दिया गया है। वह सब कुछ हश्र अप करना चाहते हैं। आप श्री शुल्क को कहें कि वह आज किसी समय इस बारे में सारी सूचना दे दें। कृपया इस बारे में कोई समय निश्चित कर दीजिये। लोग रोज आ कर हम से इस बारे में पूछते हैं।

श्री कामेश्वर सिंह : (खगरिया) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, गृह मंत्री ने कहा था कि वह एक दो दिन में कार्यकर्ताओं और विधायकों की लिस्ट सदन में पेश करेंगे। लेकिन अभी तक उन्होंने ऐसा नहीं किया है। अगले दो दिन सदन की बैठक नहीं है। आप उन को अभी लिस्ट पेश करने के लिये कहिये। आप उन को आदेश दिजिय कि वह आ कर सदन में बयान दें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं उन को रिमाइंड कर दूंगा।

12.45 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS 1970-71—
contd.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE—contd.

SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH (Pali): Mr. Speaker, I continue from yesterday and come to the subject of cotton

textiles. The Ministry has in its report admitted that the textile industry is in a sorry mess. Production has gone down; prices of cotton have soared to skies and emergency import of cotton has been resorted to and the problem of sick mills continues to haunt us. I charge that this Ministry and the office of the Textile Commissioner have become helpless captives in the hands of the ICMF and the larger mill groups and the policies of this Government are designed to meet the needs of the larger mills at the expense of smaller mills the neglect of which continue to inflate the list of sick mills. Government recently took a decision to expedite the import of PL 480 cotton to alleviate shortage in the country. The entire quantity was allocated to those mills which had lifted the long staple cotton which is known as the global cotton. Thus, bigger mills which use long-staple cotton for the manufacture of non-controlled variety of superfine cloth, whose export is negligible, were given more cotton and the smaller units which use cent per cent indigenous cotton and cater to the needs of the masses by making coarse and medium cloth and add to our export effort were deprived of this cotton; it was for them that this cotton was imported. This policy showed that only a few persons were being consulted by the textile commissioner's office and this ministry, and every policy is designed to cater to them while the smaller units go on starving for the cotton.

SHRI R. K. BIRLA (Jhunjhunu): Small scale sector too are starving.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: Smaller units mean that..... (Interruptions) In all fairness to the Government I must admit that when I brought this to the notice of the Minister he had the policy revised and cotton to be imported from now on would be allocated on spindle basis.

Another point to ponder is why only smaller mills have fallen sick or closed down? Why is it that sickness has not hit the bigger units? The answer is that the Government by its policies has put smaller units and bigger units at par. Financial burdens, excise duties, etc. are the