

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं स्पष्टीकरण चाहता हूँ। क्या यह सम्पादकीय लेख है, व्यंग है अथवा यह कोई सम्पादक के नाम पत्र है? यह क्या चीज है उस की ज़रा भूमिका बतलाइये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह उस में रामायणी देश व विदेश नीति के अर्न्तगत लिखने वाला कोई "विवेकी" है बाकी आप जानिये। यह हिन्दी में है। लेकिन मैं कहूंगा कि कमेंट्स करते करते उसको इस लिमिट तक नहीं जाना चाहिए था कि मौर्य जी को इस तरह से कहां से कहां लेकर चले गये।

श्री राम सहाय पांडे (राजनन्दगाँव) : उन्होंने कभी पायजामा सिला ही नहीं था।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस तरह से मौलवी के साथ रत्नको जोड़ दिया और वह सब उन्हें कह दिया गया। मैं इस बारे में पेपर कंसनर्ड को लिखूंगा

श्री शशि भूषण (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : लेखक पायजामे के बाहर निकल गया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पायजामे के अन्दर रखना आप का काम है। वाजपेयी जी बहुत ज्यादा हंस रहे हैं। इन के लिए ज्यादा जरूरी है।

एक माननीय सदस्य : वाजपेयी जी तो धोती पहनते हैं।

MR SPEAKER : We will send it to the paper concerned. After that, if they express regret, I will pass it on to shri maurya. Otherwise, we will take it up again.

12.55 hrs.

**RE : FLOOD SITUATION IN
MALDA DISTRICT**

SHRI DINESH JOARDER (Malda): Sir, I want to draw the attention of government to

the flood situation in the district of Malda. Malda in North Bengal is under flood waters for the last fifteen days. About a million people have been affected by the flood and 10 lakhs acre of land with standing crop has been submerged. Sixteen lives have been lost and hundreds of cattle and thousands of houses have been washed away. Yet, no relief work has been undertaken and no attempt has been made to save the people from drowning and devastation. I want the Minister concerned to make a statement and, if possible, there should be a full discussion on the problem. The Government seem to be a callous to this situation. The Prime Minister visited the flood-affected areas of Bihar and UP but she did not go to West Bengal, not to speak of Malda. I do not know whether it is for political reasons. Similarly, Shri Siddhartha Shankar Ray, the Ruler of West Bengal, instead of visiting the flood-affected areas and helping the poor in their distress, is conspiring against the struggling people of West Bengal. I want the Minister to make a statement.

MR. SPEAKER : As I told you, we have fixed a debate over it.

श्री दीनेन भट्टाचार्य, यह काम आप न किया करिये। रोजाना आप करते हैं।

The Minister will take note of this fact also and he should come out with a statement on the day the debate is held.

12.57 hrs.

**RE : DISCUSSION ON INDO-
SOVIET TREATY**

SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi) : Sir, the discussion on the Indo-Soviet Treaty should not be disposed of in three hours. It should be given at least five hours. The discussion under rule 193 may be taken up tomorrow or the day after. That is the feeling of the entire House.

MR. SPEAKER : I have heard him. I will consider his suggestion.