

From my State of Andhra Pradesh lakhs and lakhs of cows, bulls and calves are being taken from rural areas from the farmers and are killed at big towns like Hyderabad. By now, 50 per cent of the cattle wealth has been destroyed. It causes a great danger to the ecological balance of the nature. During 1970—1980, there were 240 cattles per thousand people. Now, the figure has come down to 80 cattles per thousand people. And, if we allow this to continue, by the year 2000 the figure will be 20 cattles per thousand people.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Reddaiah, you take your seat now.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, Shri Reddaiah, you take your seat.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV : Now, the country is facing severe diesel shortage and shortage of fertilizers. The farmers are unable to cope up with their farm work with lack of diesel and they have to depend only on bullock carts for transport and ploughing . . . *(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT (Balaghat) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Madhya Pradesh, Fair Price Shops distributing sugar, edible oils, kerosene and other things earlier used to be in cooperative sector i.e. through cooperative societies commodities used to be distributed, but since the coming into power of BJP Government, F. P. Shops have been handed

over to private dealers especially to workers of the BJP, who are diverting goods to blackmarkets instead of distributing among the common men. The Madhya Pradesh Government has not taken any action against the dealers caught red handed by the officials and the people. I think a conspiracy has been hatched to remove cooperative societies from the scene and the Madhya Pradesh Government has utterly failed in making available essential commodities to the poor, tribals, harijans and backward sections of society. I would like to request the Central Government to intervene in the matter and bring the fair price shops under the Co-operative societies so that the poor Adivasis and Harijans could get the essential commodities through fair price shops, and . . . *(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, because of 25 per cent cut in the supply of coal to Thermal Power Plants in Uttar Pradesh by the Central Government, there has been acute scarcity of electricity in the State. Because of this the quantity of electricity generated in these Thermal Power Plants has gone down. The quality of coal being supplied is sub-standard because of which the equipment of the Thermal Power Plants is damaged. Because of this the entire Uttar Pradesh will one day be in the grip of darkness. The stock position of coal is such that the power stations do not have even one day's surplus stock with them. The

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