- 10. Pandit Krishna Chandra Sharma.
- 11. Shri Uma Charan Patnaik.
- 12. Shri V. P. Nayar.
- 13. Shri B. Ramachandra Reddi.
- 14. Shri G. D. Somani.
- 15. Shri K. M. Vallatharas.

## ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker: I have also to inform the House that upto the time fixed for receiving nominations for the Estimates Committee, 30 nominations were received. Subsequently 5 members withdrew their candidature. As the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies in the Committee, I declare the following Members to be duly elected:—

- 1. Shri M. Ananthasayanam Ay-yangar.
- 2. Shri B. Shiva Rao.
- 3. Shri U. Srinivasa Malliah.
- 4. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava.
- 5. Dr. Panjabrao S. Deshmukh.
- 6. Shri Balvantray Gopaljee Mehta.
- 7 Shri Nityanand Kanungo.
- 8. Shri Mohanlal Saksena.
- 9. Shri R. Venkataraman.
- 10. Shri Bali Ram Bhagat.
- 11. Shri Arun Chandra Guha.
- 12. Shri Upendranath Barman.
- 13. Pandit Balkrishna Sharma.
- 14. Dr. Suresh Chandra.
- 15. Shri Shivram Rango Rane.
- 16. Shri Radhelal Vyas.
- 17. Shri Debeswar Sarmah.
- 18. Dr. Lanka Sundaram.
- 19. Shri Jaipal Singh.
- 20. Shri Shankar Shantaram More.
- 21. Shri Kadyala Gopala Rao.
- 22. Shri V. Muniswamy Avl. Thirukuralar.
- 23. Sardar Lal Singh.
- 24. Shri Girraj Saran Singh.
- 25. Shri Sarangadhar Das.

## GENERAL BUDGET-DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

DEMAND No. 42—MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

DEMAND No. 43-Forest

DEMAND No. 44-Survey of India

DEMAND No. 45—BOTANICAL SURVEY
DEMAND No. 45—ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY

DEMAND No. 47-AGRICULTURE

DEMAND No. 48—CIVIL VETERINARY SERVICES

DEMAND No. 49—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE UNDER THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

DEMAND No. 116—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON FORESTS

DEMAND No. 117—PURCHASES OF FOODGRAINS

DEMAND NO. 118—OTHER CAPITAL OUTLAY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed with the discussion of the Demands in respect of Food and Agriculture and the cut motions agreed to, which were moved on the 28th instant. It is going to be discussed the whole day, I think, and I will call upon Shri Sarangadhar Das.

Shri Sarangadhar Das (Dhenkanal-West Cuttack): I have no desire to discuss Food, which has been sufficiently debated not only during this debate but prior to this also. But I do maintain that the present famine conditions in many parts of the country are due to the various wrong policies that the Government has carried through during the last five or six years, such as the Grow More Food campaign in which money has been absolutely frittered away, and in the slogans such as growing foodgrains even in flower tubs, experiments on subsidiary food to supplement the foodgrains that are usually used, and various other slogans which I maintain are nothing but cruel jokes on the people, when we remember that as a result of these slogans the people was going all right and by 1952 the country would be self-sufficient in food.

I say, although these things have happened, personally, I do not believe that anything could be gained by throwing the blame in one place or another for the mistakes that have been made in the past. I am more interested in the improvement of agriculture and I have some constructive proposals to give to the Government Benches and the party in power at present.

First of all, taking irrigation, the Prime Minister himself brought forward in 1946-47 a large number of multi-ourpose projects, and when, in 1947, he said that the Mahanadi valley Project in Orissa would result in the flowing of milk and honey in the country. I myself was entinused about it. At the same time, it was necessary that the minor irrigation schemes