

completed. Let the Minister make a start. He must consider the feelings of the people and the feelings of this House.

[*Translation*]

SHRIHARI KISHORE SINGH (Sheohar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we express our sympathy to doctors on behalf of the Janata Dal. We support the views expressed by the Leader of the Opposition party and Shri Somnath Chatterjee. As far as I know like the previous Health Ministers, the present Health Minister too is sympathetic to them. This has turned into a very complicated issue. Those who are administrators and belong to the non-doctor-cadre do not want to attach importance to doctors. The amount of Rs. two and a half crore does not matter here. This is the vital question here whether doctors would be able to render their services to the people with honour or not. I would like you to go through the memorandum and then only you will get its true picture. And the picture will show that the administrative authorities create such circumstances so that they may be able to let down the doctors. Such attempts are frequently made. The Government should have a clear stand on the TIKKU Committee or any other committee and the doctors must be treated at par with I.A.S. and bureaucrats. The Government should clarify its position in this regard.

What is the stand on these two? Doctors and Engineers both are equal. Unless some doctor takes over as Health Secretary in the Health Ministry, this problem cannot be solved. I would like the Health Minister to give a statement day after tomorrow and resolve the problem. The doctors have informed me that the Health Minister is totally sympathetic to them. I, therefore, do not understand as to why the Government is not able to accept their demands.

MR. SPEAKER : When Ministers make statements in the House, no question is

allowed to be asked on that statement but I would try that at least 2-3 questions could be asked after the statement of the Health Minister.

[*English*]

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I add my voice simply in one sentence to the points raised by my friends here.

MR. SPEAKER : It is quite highlighted, don't worry. Allow others to speak.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: I would like to submit that by Monday, when he will make the Statement, the Minister should settle the issue so that the doctors resume their duty. On Monday we do not want to hear that the strike is still going on.

SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam) : Sir, due to the floods there has been a heavy damage to the life and property of the people, particularly the agriculturists in Tamil Nadu have suffered a great loss as their standing crop is completely destroyed. Roads, irrigation canals and bridges have been destroyed and they cannot be used until they are properly repaired. Thousands of houses and huts were completely collapsed and more than hundred people have lost their lives. Rough estimates reveal that Rs. 340 crores is immediately required to undertake relief measures in order to restore the affected areas to their original condition.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken relief measures on a war footing but the State Government is facing financial problems. It is implementing prohibition programme because of which it is incurring a heavy loss of revenues. So far no Central team has visited the affected areas. I request the Government of India to send a Central team of officials to the affected areas to

assess the real damage and at the same time adequate funds may be released to assist the State Government to undertake the relief measures.

MR. SPEAKER : I request the Government to make a Statement on the flood situation in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO (Chikballapur) : Sir, in my constituency...

MR. SPEAKER : I have already asked the Minister to make a Statement. You have got more than what you need.

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Thousands of houses have been collapsed in my constituency.

MR. SPEAKER : Government is yours. You can talk to Government also.

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : In my constituency 70,000 houses have been collapsed. Out of these, 20,000 houses have collapsed completely and the remaining 50,000 houses have been partly damaged. The estimated cost is more than Rs. 200 crores.

MR. SPEAKER : What do you want? I have already said that the Government will make a Statement.

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Seven tanks have been breached. The victims are taking shelter in Government buildings like the school veranda, etc. I request the Government to kindly send some relief amount from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to the State of Karnataka so that at least some shelter is given to the poorest of the poor people of the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS ( SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM ) : Sir, I wanted to inform the House, through you, that Shri Balram Jaxhar and a team of officials are visiting the three States of Andhra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry also, over this weekend for assessing the damage. (*Interruptions*)

Weekend means tomorrow only.

Meanwhile, immediately certain money is released, Rs. 7 crores, to Tamil Nadu today only as an interim measure. After he comes back, he would definitely make a Statement and give information to the House.

SHRI RAM NAIK ( Bombay-North) Sir, about earthquake, no statement has come.

MR. SPEAKER : I am allowing the same thing.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government and the House to a very important event. On the 20th October a blot from the blue fell and entire Northern India was in the grip of the tremor of the earthquake took the lives of thousands of people which led to the life-tolls and rendered homeless to thousands of people belonging to the regions neighbouring to the Himalayas especially Uttar Kashi in Uttar Pradesh. The people suffered a heavy loss and even after passing the full one month....(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHAN-  
DURI: Sir.....

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down. I will