

a case of sabotage. I would urge the hon. Minister to take this House into confidence and apprise this august House of the steps taken by O.N.G.C. to contain this fire.

SHRI RABI RAY (Kendrapara): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to raise a very important matter before you. (*Interruptions*) I thank you for expressing grief and sorrow for the victims of UttarKashi on the very first day of session. With a deep sense of remorse, I would like to point out that the Government has not taken the Uttar Kashi and Garhwal earthquake as seriously as it should have been taken. When on earthquake rocked Bihar in 1934 stalwarts like Mahatma Gandhi and Rajendra Prasad worked for the earthquake victims. Mr. Speaker, Sir, a team of Scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute had visited that area and I wish to draw the attention of the House and yours towards their report which was published in the newspaper. Shri Arjun Singh is present in this House and the report given by the agricultural scientists who had visited the earthquake site is as follows:

[*English*]

"In the report submitted to the Agriculture Ministry, these teams have pointed out that the farmers in these areas urgently needed financial and material help to repair and reconstruct their fields (terraces) and water channels. They also need seed and other inputs to grow crops in the coming season, the time for the *Rabi* planting having already run out..."

"The UttarKashi region is dotted with natural water channels. This water is used also for irrigating crops by carrying it to the fields through diversion channels. The movement of boulders in the wake of the earth-

quake had disturbed most of these water channels..."

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, Sir, these are two recommendations which have been made by the research scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute. As such I want to draw the attention of the entire House towards this aspect that a special kind of houses are constructed in the earthquake prone hilly areas and the specialist in the construction of houses in hilly areas is Lorry Baker who stayed there. Through you I want to tell the Government that Lorry Baker is at present staying in Trivendrum. I want to submit that in view of the difficulties being faced in the agricultural work, the Government should pay attention to it and utilize the expertise Larry Baker for constructing special houses. I request Shri Arjun Singh to assure this House that this work will be undertaken because it is a work of public importance.

SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN (Araria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, wheat sowing season is going on in Bihar and fertilizers and other imports are very much needed during sowing season. Without fertilizers and seeds cultivation of wheat cannot be done on one hand certified seeds are not made easily available to the farmers, on the other the crisis of fertilizer is so acute that it seems that wheat cannot be grown in Bihar in this season. As such, I urge the Government to make available adequate quantity of fertilizers and seeds to Bihar.

[*English*]

SHRIP.G.NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam): The Supreme Court has struck down the Karnataka ordinance and upheld the Tribunal's Interim award. The verdict of the Court is unambiguous and clear. However, the Karnataka Government has chosen to file a review petition which is against the