& lakhs was imposed on the company. May I know why this case has been referred to the CBI, whether it is for the same offence for which a penalty has been levied or there is any new offence which has come to light?

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH-As I have said earlier, formerly, the view was taken that this was merely a question relating to the evasion of excise duty. But when the matter came to my notice, I found that the campany was also guilty of submitting false returns to the Government Therefore, I have sent the case to the CBI.

## Agitation by F.C.I. employees from May, 1978

## SHRI BHAGAT RAM. \*1024. SHRI RAJ KESHAR SINGH;

Will the Minister of AGRICUL-FURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 64000 employees of the F(I have decided to launch a work to rule agitation from 1st May, 1978, to press their demands for restoration of tride union rights:
- b) whether a memorandum in this behalf was submitted to the Government and what are the main demands mentioned therein; and
- (c) action taken or proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of 'he Sabha.

## Statement

(a) t<sub>0</sub> (c). The Food Corporation of India Employees Union and its affiliate body Bhartiya Khadya Nigam Karamchari Sangh (North Zone) had given a notice to launch work-to-rule agitation in the North Zone from 1st May 1978 and throughout the country from 8th May 1978. Their main demands relate to restoration of trade union rights, reinstatement of employees terminated during Emergency, review of service conditions, improvement in house rent allowance, provision of better promotional avenues for Category-IV staff, payment of bonus etc.

A comprehensive revision of pa, scales and service conditions of the employees of the Food Corporation of India were affected two years Whenever any demansds for further improvement in pay scales and service conditions are made, they considered by the management of the FCI which is an autonomous Corporation and also by the Government if necessary. In regard to demand of the employees for better motional avenues for Category-IV staff, the management of the Corporation feel that promotion quota having already been raised from 16 per cent to 20 per cent, any further increase would not be desirable. The demand for ex-gratia payment in lieu of bonus for the year 1975-76 has net been found acceptable in view of the likely repercussions on other similarly situated public sector undertakings. The scales of house rent allowance sanctioned for FCI employees are already much better than those admissible to Government servants and employees of several other public sector undertakings. So far as the demand relating to restoration of trade union rights is concerned. Labour Ministry have already started the process of verification of membership which is necessary for according de jure recognition. Meanwhile, the management is already having de facto dealings with the Unions on an informal basis. The services of about 75 employees were terminated during the Emergency. These cases have been reviewed by the Corporation and

19 of these employees have been offered fresh employment. The remaining case involved misconduct? lagues of a more serious nature and therefore it was not considered appropriate to reappoint these persons. Some of these cases are pending in Courts of Law also

भी भगतराम : स्पीकर साह्रव, मैं मापके द्वारा मिनिस्टर भाह्रव से पूछना चाह्रवा ह कि यहा जो एमर्जेसी के दौरान वर्कसं को विविटमाडज किया गया था या रिट्रेच किया गया था, उनका प्रभी तक वापभ क्यों नहीं जिया गया है जब कि दूसरे डिपार्टमेट्स के बापभ जिया जा रहा है १

भीर दूसरा सवाल मेरा यह है कि क्या एफ शीं आई श की ऐमप्लाई ज यूनियन ने एफ शीं आई श में जो भ्रष्टाचारी मफसर हैं या जो भ्रष्टाचार फैला हुमा है उसके बारे में किसी पालियामेंट के मेम्बरों के मुप द्वारा इनक्वायरी की मांग की है? यदि हा, तो मंत्री महोक्य का उसके बारे में क्या विचार है?

भी भानु प्रताप सिंह ' पहला यह कि जो लोग इमरजेसी पीरियड में निकाल दिये गये ये उनको पुन. क्यों नहीं लिया गया, इस विषय में मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि कुछ लोग तो वह हैं जो पहली इमरजेंसी भी उस काल में निकाल गये थे, और बावजूद इसके हमने केसेब को रिब्यू किया है और 73 लोग जो निकाल गये थे उनमें से 19 लोगों को नौकरी बापत देने की बात कही गई है। कुछ केसेब सब-जुडिस हैं। बाकि केसेब बावजैंस धीर ऐसोस्ट वर्ष ख है हैं उनके बारे में हमने तय किया है कि इनको बादस लेगा उचित नहीं है।

जहां तक दूसरा मवाल है कि क्या कोई पार्तियामेटरी सब-कमेटी इस पर जान करेगी तो मेरा निवेदन है कि एक कमेटी थोन पब्लिक ग्रन्डरटेंकिंग्स है उसने 1977 में एक सी ग्राई० की जान की थी। श्रीर श्रावस्थकता हो तो वही कमेटी ग्रोन पब्लिक ग्रन्डरटेंकिंग्स पुन एक सी० ग्राई० की कार्यवाही को देख सकती है। कोई विशेष भलग से मन कमेटी बनाने की ग्रावश्यकता नार-नार नहीं होती।

श्री भगतराम स्पीकर माहब, केरे सवाल का जबाब नहीं श्राया । पहसले बाल में मैंने यह पूछा था कि जो इमरजेंसी में नौकरी से निकाले गये हैं उनमें से ट्रेड यूनियन के कितने वर्कस हैं जिनकों वापस नहीं लिया गवा है ? दूसरे सवाल में मैंने यह पूछा था कि ऐमप्साइख यूनियन ने एफ० सी० श्राई० की बैटर फक्शानिंग के लिये पालियानेट में म्बर्स के यूप से जाच की मांग की हैं। तो उसके बारे में मदी जी का क्या विचार है ?

MR SPEAKER. He has answered both the questions. Please come to your second supplementary question. Have you any more supplementary question to be asked? Both these questions have been answered. You may not be satisfied with the answer

भी भगतराम: क्या मंत्री महोदन यह प्रावश्यक समझते है कि जो भ्रष्टाचार एफ सी अपाई ने फैला हुवा है उसकी श्रीपर्शी जांच करायी आये पालियामेट के नेम्बरों व्वारा ?

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

श्री सानु प्रताय सिंह: मैंने बदाया कि
पालियामेंटरी कमेटी बनाने की कोई
आवश्यकता नहीं है क्योंकि कमेटी प्रोन
पब्लिक मन्डरटेकिंग्स है जो सारे मन्डर-टैकिंग्स की देख रेख कर सकती है। एफ॰ सी॰ माई॰ को भी देख सकती है, भीर मुझको कोई ग्रापित नहीं होगी मगर पुनः वह कमेटी भीन पब्लिक मन्डरटैकिंग्स एफ॰ सी॰ ग्राई॰ के कारनामों को देख।

श्री भगत राम : जो इमरजेंसी के दौरान एक जसी जाई के मुलाजिम टॉमनेट किये गये है उनमें से ट्रेड यूनियन के वकंस या जीडसं कितने है ?

MR. SPEAKER: Out of the termnated persons, how many are trade union leaders?

भी भानु प्रताप सिंह : इसके लिये नेटिस चाहिये । लेकिन मैंने कहा कि 73 लोग निकाले गये ये उनमें से कुछ ले लिये गये है, और जो नहीं लिये गये हैं उन पर ऐसाल्ट या वायलेंस के चार्जेज हैं, इसलिये नहीं लिये गये ।

भी ग्रनत राम जायसवाल: कर्म-चारियों की मुख्य माने क्या है ग्रीर उनको पूरा करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

MR. SPEAKER: That does not arise out of this question.

I shall go over the question list again.—

I have gone over the list now. The Question List is over.

## arrigation Projects in Chhotanagpur and Dhanbad

\*1009. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the irrigation projects completed and continuing in the Chhotanagpur in general and Dhanbad district in particular and the acreage of laad benefited and going to be benefited by that;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of cultivable land under irrigation in the tribal areas of Chhotanagpur is much less than the average in Eihar and India; and
- (c) if so, details thereof and steps taken by Centre to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURFIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) A statement showing the irrigation projects completed and continuing in Chhotanagpur area including Dhanbad district, ultimate irrigation potential and potential achieved upto March, 1978 is attached.

(b) and (c). The irrigated area in Chhotanagpur south and north Division is 7.3 per cent of the gross cultivated area for major/medium projects. The figure for area under minor irrigation schemes is not readly available. The percentages for gross irrigated area to gross cultivated area are 28.1 per cent for Bihar and 25.5 per cent for all-India.

The potentialities of irrigation development in Chhotanagpur area are comparatively less as surface variable in this region is limited unlike that available in North Rihar. Further, ground water potential is