

श्री श्री राम बागड़ी (मथुरा) :
मन्त्री महोदय ने स्टेटमेंट दिया है—

MR. SPEAKER : We will give you a copy.

श्री श्री राम बागड़ी : वह तो ठीक है । लेकिन देश में स्थिति भयंकर है । इस पर ध्यान हमें एक सवाल करने की इजाजत तो दें । यह सवाल पहले भी धरया था । तब कहा गया था कि बाढ़ आने से पहले इस पर बहस की जाए । अब जब लोग मरने लगे हैं तब भी ध्यान कहते हैं कि इस पर सवाल करने की इजाजत नहीं दी जा सकती है ।

MK. SPEAKER : On statement, you cannot put questions.

12.55 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) PROPOSAL TO SET UP CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA (Ponnani) : Under rule 377 and with your kind permission, I have to bring an important matter to the notice of this august House and also of the Government. Sir, it is well known that the Government proposes to set up a Civil Rights Commission. The idea of a Civil Rights Commission is indeed laudable but it is now being said that the proposed Civil Rights Commission will also perform the functions of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as well as those of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities and that there will not be any separate Minorities Commission.

I am happy that the Hon. Prime Minister is here in the House. It will be recalled that during the Lok Sabha elections and even thereafter the Hon. Prime Minister repeatedly made statements about a separate Minorities Commission. Consequently, there is a lot of disappointment and anxiety among the minorities today, especially because these days incidents of atrocities on minorities are also on the increase. The other minorities like the linguistic minorities and religious minorities have also various complaints and grievances. The Civil Rights Commission as has been now envisaged by the Government, will be too unwieldy, and it is also evident and quite apparent that such a Civil Rights Commission will not be able to pay specific attention to the various rights, problems and grievances of the

minorities. I must submit that the specific rights, grievances and problems of the minorities will get over-shadowed in the wide realm of questions involving civil rights, and the minorities will fail to receive their due and prompt attention. Such a Commission will also be a retrograde step, especially in the context of our democracy being emphasized as a secular democracy.

You know very well that in this very House there have been demands for bifurcation of the single Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes into two different Commissions. It has been pointed out in this very House that the nature of the problems of the Scheduled Castes and those of the Scheduled Tribes are widely different in several respects. Yet we find that the present exclusive machinery available to some minorities, however inadequate that machinery may be, is being sought to be scrapped and only one Commission has been thought of. I must emphasize that there is need for a separate Commission for linguistic minorities, a separate Commission for religious minorities, a separate Commission for Scheduled Castes and a separate Commission for Scheduled Tribes. These Commissions must also have the necessary statutory and constitutional authority to see that their recommendations are of a binding nature.

With one more observation I will conclude: that is, that the Hon. Home Minister has announced, in the recent conference of the Chief Ministers...

MR. SPEAKER : That is not relevant to this: you are permitted to speak only on the Civil Rights Commission.

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : My only request to the Government is that it should consider the apprehensions, the demands and the aspirations of the minorities and, I would emphasize, let there be a new deal for the minorities.

(ii) DISLOCATION OF RAILWAY TRAFFIC AND OTHER LOSSES DUE TO FLOODS

श्री सुखम चन्द कच्छवाय (उज्जैन) :
प्रध्मन महोदय, महारे देश में हर साल बाढ़ आती है । पिछले 4,5 दिन में भी देश में काफी बाढ़ें आई हैं जिसके कारण काफी रेल-मार्ग रुक गए हैं, उनमें दरारें पड़ गई हैं, काफी जानें गई हैं, पशुधन की हानि हुई है । हर वर्ष बाढ़ के कारण धरनों रूप की हानि होती है, फसलें खराब होती हैं, लाखों जानवर मरते हैं, जानें जाती हैं और हर