

## BHATNI SUGAR MILLS

\*619. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for the closing down of the Bhatni Sugar Mills in District Deoria of U. P.;

(b) whether Government propose to take over the control of the mill; and

(c) what are the principles and conditions that guide the appointment of an authorised Controller?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The reasons for closure of the Bhatni Sugar Mills are dispute among proprietors, lack of finance and inefficiency of plant.

(b) No.

(c) The Central Government appoints an authorised Controller when it considers it necessary for maintaining or increasing the production of an essential commodity.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** इस मिल पर क्या सरकार को कुछ इनकमटेक्स चाहिये ?

**साख और कृषि मंत्री (श्री किदवाई) :** जरूर चाहिये ।

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** कितना चाहिये और क्या इस इनकमटेक्स के बकाये के सबब से यह मिल तो नहीं बन्द हो गयी है ?

**श्री किदवाई :** नहीं, किसी चीज का उन्हीं-ने कर्ज अदा नहीं किया, इसलिए मिल बन्द हो गयी ।

**श्री सिंहासन सिंह :** सरकार इस मिल को अपने कब्जे में ले कर क्यों नहीं चलाना चाहती ?

**श्री किदवाई :** सरकार ऐसा नहीं कर रही है कि दूसरे की जायदाद को अपने कब्जे में कर ले ।

**श्री सिंहासन सिंह :** क्या सरकार ने कठकुइया और रामकोला मिल्स को अपने कब्जे में नहीं कर लिया है ?

**श्री किदवाई :** यह बात भी गलत है । वह मिल चल रही थी, लेकिन यह ह्याल था कि अगर उन में आपस में झगड़ा चले तो उन्हीं में से एक कंट्रोलर (Controller) बना दिया जाय ।

**श्री सिंहासन सिंह :** क्या यह मिल भी आपसी झगड़ों की वजह से बन्द नहीं हुई ?

**श्री किदवाई :** हां, अगर चलती होती तो हम उन्हीं चलाने वालों में से एक को कंट्रोलर कर देते ।

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, how many workers have been affected by the closure of this mill?

**Shri Kidwai:** I think the hon. Member is not aware that it has been closed for some years.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Questions are over. I will call them again so that hon. Members who were not in their seats when they were called will be given an opportunity.

## PASSENGER TRAFFIC FROM AGARTALA TO CALCUTTA

\*613. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger traffic to Calcutta from Agartala through Pakistan has entirely stopped since the introduction of the passport system;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the people have to travel to Calcutta or Assam by air; and

(c) the fare that a passenger has to bear in travelling to Calcutta or Shillong?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) While there is doubtless a drop in the magnitude of passenger traffic from Agartala to Calcutta across Pakistan due to the restrictions involved in the visa and passport system, it will not be correct to say that passenger traffic across Pakistan has entirely stopped.

(b) Government have no particulars to show that most of the passengers from Agartala to Calcutta or Assam are travelling by air.