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Title: Rise in Prices of essential commodities in the country.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BOLPUR): Madam, I will be brief.

Madam, through you, I would like to raise an urgent matter of national importance. I would like to draw the attention of the Government as well as this House to the matter relating to skyrocketing and backbreaking rise in the prices of essential commodities, especially the food items. This issue was discussed in this House several times and we drew the attention of the Government to this issue. The Government has assured many times but nothing concrete has come out so far. Already food inflation is on the rise. It is nearly 20 per cent now.

Madam, adding salt to injury, due to the present Budget proposal, already the prices of petrol and diesel have gone high, and also there is a hike of 10 per cent in the price of urea with decontrolling of the Fertilizer Price Control System.

With this backdrop, the *aam aadmi* is suffering very much because of the hike in the prices. People are very much in agony with the hike in the prices of essential commodities.

So, I would urge upon the Government, through you, Madam, to take steps to contain the price rise. Today, the Left Parties – the CPI, CPI (M), the Forward Bloc and the RSP – have together called a *dharna* in front of the Parliament Street.

Lakhs of people have gathered to demonstrate against the price hike. The prevailing anarchism is created by a political party in the State of West Bengal. For this, I would urge upon the Government to take concrete steps on this issue. This should be seriously taken up by the Government...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri Khagen Das,

Shri Manohar Tirkey,

Shri Narahari Mahato,

Shri Basu Deb Acharia,

Shri Nama Nageswara Rao,

Shrimati Susmita Bauri,

Shri Pulin Bihari Baske,

Shri Saidul Haq,

Shri Nripendra Nath Roy,

Shri P.K. Biju,

Shri B. Mahtab,

Shri A. Sampath,

Shri Mahendra Kumar Roy,

Dr. Anup Kumar Saha are all associating themselves with this.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Madam, this is a very important issue.

MADAM SPEAKER: I cannot be asking everybody to speak. You are associating.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: I am associating but the Government has not taken any steps! (*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: We have had a discussion on this under Rule 193.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: You have spoken.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except the submission of Dr. Dome.

(Interruptions) â€¦\*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: But the Government has not taken any step to control the price rise. Moreover, there is an increase in prices of fertilizers...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All right. Thank you so much.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Shri Gurudas Dasgupta.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Basu Deb Achariaji, nothing is going on record. Your Member has spoken.

(Interruptions) â€¦\*

**श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्त (घाटल):** सभापति महोदया, हमने पार्लियामेंट में इस सवाल को बहुत बार उठाया था और बातचीत भी हुई थी। सरकार की तरफ से कुछ जवाब आया या नहीं, इस बारे में हम नहीं जानते। लेकिन सवाल यही है कि पूरे हिन्दुस्तान में महंगाई बहुत ज्यादा बढ़ गयी है। चीजों के दाम रोज बढ़ते जा रहे हैं। इसे रोकने के लिए ...(व्यवधान) I want that the Government should issue a White Paper regarding the price rise. हम चाहते हैं कि सरकार व्हाइट पेपर दे और कार्रवाई करे। महंगाई को रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या करना चाहती है, यह बताये। आज लाखों मेहनतकश जनता दिल्ली में सरकार का दरवाजा खटखटाने के लिए आयी है।

स्पीकर साहिबा, हम आपसे अपील करना चाहते हैं कि आप इस बारे में मंत्री जी को कुछ बोलने के लिए मजबूर करें। हम जानना चाहते हैं कि सरकार ने इस बारे में क्या फैसला लिया है? ...(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** मुंडे जी, क्या आप इस विषय में एसोसियेट कर रहे हैं?

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**श्री गोपीनाथ मुंडे (बीड):** जी हां।

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri Gopinath Mundeji is associating himself with this.

...(Interruptions)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** आप बैठ जाइये।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Mr. Acharia, you told me, you will speak and then you will go, you will allow the House to run.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: You told me that if I ask you to speak, you will allow the House to run after that. So now, allow the House to run.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : What the Government is doing, they should respond...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: All right.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY : Madam...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: That has not gone on record in any case.

...(Interruptions)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव (मैनपुरी): अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह सवाल सब लोगों का है। ... (व्यवधान) यह देश के गरीब लोगों का सवाल है। ... (व्यवधान) हम इसके खिलाफ सदन से बहिष्कार करते हैं।

**12.14 hrs.**

*At this stage, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, Shri Basu Deb Acharia, Shri Gurudas Dasgupta and some other hon. Members left the House.*

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam, I want to associate myself with the demand which has been raised by Shri Gurudas Dasgupta to table a White Paper on price rise.

MADAM SPEAKER: Yes, you please send your slip to the Table.