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States Cattle have died. More than 75% of the Government tube wells are lying out of order in Uttar Pradesh. There is no water in the canals and the supply of electricity and diesel is paralysed. The cash crop of the biggest sugarcane producing State of the country is drying up in the absence of irrigation facility.

Therefore, I demand that the Government should declare the whole of the country as drought affected. Arrangements should be made to provide the water. The tubewells that are lying out of order and the drains that are lying damaged should be got repaired. The rural areas should be supplied electricity for atleast 20 hours in a day and arrangements should be made to supply diesel to these areas. The test work should be started in the rural areas. The arrangements should be made to ensure adequate supply of fodder for the cattle in these areas and all the outstanding recoveries should be postponed.

- (iv) **Need to direct Andhra Pradesh Government not to dispossess the people of the Land purchased by them for pisciculture in Coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh**

[English]

SHRISOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Thousand of hectares of land adjoining Bay of Bengal in coastal Andhra Districts such as Krishina, Guntur, Nellore, West and East Godavari, Visakhapatanam, Prakasam etc., are best suited for inland fish and brackfish water shrimp culture. These lands are not so much suited to raise agricultural crops. So, the farmers in these areas have taken up preparing ponds, tanks for fish and prawn culture. Some people who are very much interested in this pisci-culture have purchased

some lands from the encroachers and invested money in preparing the tanks. Now the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is trying to dispossess these present occupants and give away thousands of acres of land to big moneyed people. Most of the local people belong to weaker sections such as fishermen, Scheduled Castes, Backward Castes and economically backward class. The local revenue authorities are trying to physically remove these poor persons from their sites. Due to this serious agitation is going on. I urge upon the Union Government to advise the State Government not to harm the present occupants who have invested a lot in the Pisci culture and regularise the encroachments. I also urge upon the Union Government to allocate more funds to Marine products Development Authority to help more number of persons to take up shrimp culture in a scientific manner and to issue suitable instructions to the commercial banks to advance loans to the entrepreneurs without much delay.

- (vii) **Need to declare 9th August, the birthday of Padmashri S. Ranganatha as National Library Day.**

SHRIPAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Chandigarh): Sir, in order to check the decline in the reading habits, particularly amongst the students who today depend upon cheap guides on their course of study, it is desirable that we earmark and celebrate one working day as the National Library Day in the country. Such a day should not be a holiday. It should rather be dedicated to the popularisation of libraries by holding quiz competitions, seminars and exhibitions etc. All this can be done without incurring any additional expenditure.

The birthday of Padmashri Shri S. Ranganathan, father of Library movement in the country falls on 9th August. This day has immense historical importance and is being