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wheat yield in Punjab and Haryana has gone down by 25 per cent this year. 40 people have died and thousands of houses have been destroyed in various parts of Bihar due to the heavy rain during the past one week. Losses to orchardists and farmers will run in several crores of rupees. The havoc caused to the cash crop is bound to affect badly the economy of the farmers and the States. Over 5,000 farmers of Amritsar District and the same number in Sangrur had held a rally demanding immediate relief. It is a national calamity. So, I request the Union Government that it should rush to the rescue of these helpless farmers, and an immediate relief of Rs. 20 crores to each State should be granted. The NAFED should be directed to arrange to maintain the supply of vegetables in city areas so that consumers do not suffer due to short supply of vegetables which have been destroyed by rains and hailstorm.

(ix) Need to supply adequate power from central power plants to meet the shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh

SHRI SRIHARI RAO (Rajahmundry): There is acute shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh. Against the requirement of 46 MU per day, Andhra Pradesh is in a position to provide about 37 MU on its own which means a shortage of about 20% of the energy requirement. This has forced a power cut on about 3100 HT consumers. There is no adequate drinking water available to the urban as well as the rural poor people. The cattle and agriculture are suffering because of power shortage. The State is not getting its share of power from Central power plants like Neyveli, Kalpakam and Ramagundam. I request the Central Government to give Andhra Pradesh its due share of power from the central power plants as is being given to other States.

**DISCUSSION RE: INDO-US RELATIONS-
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[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: We now take up further discussion under rule 193. Shri Syed Shahabuddin to continue his speech.

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I was yesterday placing before you the characteristic of the geopolitical domain where I said there are no good guys and no bad guys. Sir I would like to add that there are no eternal purists or ascetics and there are no compulsive rapists neither are there any eternal virgins or damsels in distress. And, therefore, when we look at the world scene, we must try to visualise in the broad framework of our policy what our reaction to a particular power in a particular situation ought to be. Sir, I would like to say that we have to deal with the big powers; we cannot wish them away, they are there. But, in the context of the present day world where we speak of juridical equality of States and we also sometimes speak of the moral dimension of power, the fact is that super powers have world wide interests. They have global involvements, they have their own concerns. And their technique ranges from gun-boat diplomacy to peacefully maximising their areas of influence and check-mating whom they consider to be their global adversaries. Now in this game and to this extent, every super power is an imperial power. I am not deliberately using the world 'imperialist power'. Every super power wishes to broaden and widen its area of influence. Now, US is one such power. Sir, I would like to state that I do not think that we have any basic or permanent conflicts with the United States. We have differences. And we shall have differences. I am aware of the time when USA wanted India to be subservient in the name of democracy versus dictatorship under the slogan of free enterprise versus regimentation, freedom versus slavery and all that.