

(iii) **ACTUE DRINKING WATER AND FOOD SCARCITY PREVAILING IN BIDAR, KARNATAKA.**

SHRI NARSING SURYAWANSHI (Bidar) : The parched earth and the parched throats of the people of Bidar district which is severely hit by drought, have been depicted vividly in the Kannada film **Bara**. This film got President's Award also. This year also the drinking water wells and irrigation wells have already gone dry. The villages of Aurad, Bhalk and Basava Kalyan Taluks are the worst hit. There are 657 villages in the district, out of which 250 villages have drinking water problem. Villages are facing acute shortage of drinking water.

I am grateful to the Central Government which has sent its team to visit drought-hit areas of Karnataka. The team has submitted its report to the Government.

The NRW Scheme Sanctioned Villages should be geared up to the prevailing situation. The underground water potentiality is abundant in the district. Therefore, works like deepening the open wells, drilling bore wells, have to be taken up immediately. Cyclone rig, Geophysical instrument and Geophysician should be made available to the district as early as possible. Since Karnataka has joined the Central pool, some AD-HOC allotment of foodgrains should be rushed immediately to these areas. Employment should be provided to the people and fodder to the cattle.

I request the concerned authorities to tackle the problem of drought on top priority basis. More funds may be sanctioned to this area to take up drought relief measures.

(iv) **NEED FOR APPROVAL OF THE KALLAR DRINKING WATER SCHEME, MADURAI, TAMIL NADU.**

SHRI S. T. K. Jakkayan (Periyakulam) : Madurai, popularly known as Temple Town, is the second largest city in Tamil Nadu with a population of 10 lakhs supplemented by a floating population of nearly one lakh

per day. Madurai is the torch-bearer of ancient Tamil culture, which attracts seekers of Tamil lore from all over the world. After protracted correspondence over several years between the Centre and the State in regard to minor work of cutting the National Highway, the drinking water scheme from Manaloor is in the process of implementation. The scheme, when completed, will supply drinking water to the city's 20 percent population. Presently Madurai is in the grip of acute scarcity of drinking water. The State Government in 1976 sought the Centre's approval for Kallar drinking water scheme. This is still under consideration of the Government of India. I request that early approval of this scheme may be conveyed to the Concerned State Government by the Central Government.

(v) **PROBLEMS OF PRIMARY TEACHERS GOING ON STRIKE IN DELHI.**

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER (Delhi Sadar) : I wish to draw the attention of the House and the Government to the following facts :-

1. That the primary school teachers' salary scales were one of the best grades as compared to any other State fifteen years ago and that today those teachers are drawing salaries on scales much lesser than the adjoining States and inspite of the city costs of the Capital - Delhi ;
2. That the annual increments given to teachers are also much less.
3. That primary schools teachers reach the coiling in a period of fourteen years and then stagnate.
4. That the Selection Scales are given to only 20 per cent of the primary teachers, while the vast majority of teachers (80 per cent) remain in the grade with Rs. 560/- limit.

Therefore, these 15,000 primary school teachers have gone on strike from the 26th