

[Shri Zainul Basher]

lished with the raw materials locally available. I, therefore, request the Central Government to kindly take up the matter urgently and provide plan and funds for the development of that district. I also urge upon them to establish at least one heavy industry at Ghazipur which can generate employment for a large number of people of that District.

(iii) ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED RECRUITMENT OF TRIBALS OF ORISSA TO WORK IN OTHER STATES.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balasore): I beg to make the following statement under the Rule 377 on a matter of urgent public importance.

About 50,000 tribals in Orissa are being recruited every year by unauthorised agents and sent away to distant places as casual labourers.

Reports received by the Government say that most of these tribals are made to work in conditions of slavery. According to the official report the agents often tell the tribals that they would be required to work in a neighbouring district, pay them advance and then send them away to projects at far off places like Nepal and Bhutan.

The recruitment is made in remote tribal districts or at weekly fairs which tribals frequent in search of work.

A large number of tribals who have returned from States like Jammu and Kashmir have been found to suffer from malnutrition.

A Labour Department spokesman of the State Government said, 'The way these people are treated is hard to believe. The food they are given is just enough to keep themselves alive and the pocket money they get will not buy them even a meal outside.'

These tribals are being huddled in small camps at work sites which lack even the elementary facilities.

Reports from a road construction project in Kashmir and a hydel project in Bhutan said the tribals were being made to work for more than 12 hours a day.

There have been numerous instances of tribals having been promised a monthly wage of Rs. 100 besides food, but paid only a pittance. At the end of their contract period, they were forced to sign a receipt for the wages they had been promised.

The plight of tribal women sent as casual labourers is even worse. Some of the girls sent to projects in Nepal and Bhutan have not returned to Orissa yet.

The State Government has been trying to trace the tribals recruited by unauthorised agents, but several States have failed to co-operate.

In this context I would request the Union Government to direct the concerned State Governments like Jammu and Kashmir, Nepal and Bhutan, etc., not to utilise these tribals of Orissa as slaves. The Union Labour Minister is requested to give a statement on this issue.

12.31 hrs.

[SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE *in the Chair*].

(iv) SPECIAL INITIATIVES TO BOOST UP WORKING CONDITIONS OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS.

SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR (Gorakhpur): Mr. Chairman. Sir, 500 teachers of Central Universities sat on a daylong dharns on 27th February. They came from 7 universities, B.H.U., A.M.U., Delhi, J.N.U., Shillong, Hyderabad and Vishwa Bharati.

Teachers belonging to Central Universities are being compelled to take up the path of agitation, because continuous interference by the Government in the autonomy of the universities, arbitrary termination of services of teachers, etc., are causing a state of concern and tension.

The present grades of teachers have become redundant. Existing housing facilities for them are extremely inadequate. Available research facilities do not permit them to meet the challenge of 'expansion of knowledge' and the absence of meaningful promotional avenues has meant stagnation for most of the teachers.

Therefore, some steps should be taken by the Government, such as:

1. Immediate revision of grades,
2. Increase in house rent allowance to 30 per cent, 70 months' salary by way of loans for house construction, provision for staff quarters, teachers' hostels, and revolving fund for housing.
3. Increase in financial allocation to higher education with a view to facilitate improvement in academic facilities and expansion in higher education.
4. Pending running grades, a scheme of meaningful promotional avenues based on seniority-cum-merit for all categories of teachers.
5. Liberal leave rules,
6. Democratisation of university administration with a view to give effective representation to teachers in decision making bodies,
7. Statutory security of service,
8. Improvement in medical facilities pending C.G.H.S.,

Since the higher education is the base for scientific and technological advancement of the country, Government should take special initiative to boost-up working conditions of teachers.

(v) NEED FOR BETTER P. & T. SERVICES IN BURDWAN DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER (Durgapur): In Burdwan of West Bengal, it seems that the P. & T. Department failed in every respect. Most

of the Post Boxes in the district are outdated and broken. Due to delay in delivery people of this district are not getting Registered letters, parcels, money orders, newspapers, letters etc., in time. Two times delivery has been stopped. Number of times people of this district drew the attention of the P. & T. authorities towards this negligence but without avail.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: (Diamond Harbour): This is Mr. Chairman's former constituency.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Under the circumstances, I urge upon the Government to replace the old Post Boxes and to ensure that the hardship of the people of this district will be removed.

(vi) REPORTED DEMOTION OF "SAMADHI" OF SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR AZAD IN ALLAHABAD.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री (पटना) :
शहीदे आजम चन्द्रशेखर आजाद ने जिस वीरता के साथ अंग्रेजी साम्राज्य की शालियों का मुकाबला करते हुए वीरगति पाई थी उसे भारतीय जनता कदापि नहीं भूल तीसक। उनके नाममात्र से अंग्रेज घर-घर कांपते थे। उन्होंने सरदार भगत सिंह के साथ समाजवादी समाज बनाने का नारा दिया था। उन लोगों ने इस विचारधारा के प्रचार के लिए हिन्दुस्तान सोशलिस्ट रिपब्लिकन आर्मी का गठन भी किया था, जिसके शहीद चन्द्रशेखर आजाद सेनापति थे।

27 फरवरी 1931 को उनकी शहीदत के बाद इलाहाबाद में गंगा नदी के किनारे रसूलाबाद घाट पर उनकी पवित्र समाधि बनाई गई जिस पर प्रत्येक वर्ष हजारों नागरिक अपनी श्रद्धा के फूल चढ़ा कर उस महामानव की वीरता और उत्कट देशभक्ति का स्मरण किया करते तथा देश में सच्चे समाजवाद की स्थापना की शपथ लेते हैं।