

[Shri George Fernandes]

afford to remain a passive spectator while a private management is playing foul with national resources and affects the interest of workers as well as that of the public at large.

The addition of this group to the NTC will no doubt imply a heavy strain on the already strained resources of the Corporation. In dimensions, this group would be as large as some of the subsidiaries of NTC; and that is why it has been decided that the group will be managed directly by the holding company immediately. Hon'ble Members have been informed by me even on earlier occasions how the NTC administered units are turning the corner. It was this that has encouraged Government to adopt a flexible attitude and entrust the management of this group to the National Textile Corporation.

The history of events of the Swadeshi group culminating in the take-over of the management provides us with an instructive case history of how family management is becoming more and more anarchistic in present conditions. The destinies of more than a lakh of people have been affected by family feuds. Scarce capital and other resources have been frittered away. These events make one think hard as to whether this system of management has not outlived its utility. Hon'ble Members would agree with me that in today's context, there is hardly anything like private capital or resources in the country. It is largely the public financial institutions which in turn are built out of tax payer's money that are supporting the various units. Even management-wise, family management is hardly appropriate in today's context. The Swadeshi case history is a pointer for us to take a careful look at these larger issues.

I am confident that with this decision of Government we would be able to bring back the long forgotten smile on the faces of a large number of workers affected in these units.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU (Chittoor): One information. With regard to cement factory...

MR. CHAIRMAN : There are no question allowed on this.

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री (रीवा) :
मजदूरों के हितों के संरक्षण के लिए उद्योग
मंत्री जी ने जो यह साहसिक कदम उठाया

है, उस के लिए मैं उन को हार्दिक
धन्यवाद देता हूँ और बधाई देता हूँ ।

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY
(Calcutta South): Regarding that firing,
he has not mentioned anything.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I
have mentioned it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no dis-
cussion. No question also. Now the
discussion will continue. Mr Lakkappa.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS, 1978-79—
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MINISTRY OF LABOUR—Contd.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur):
Madam Chairman, the hon. Labour
Minister has been appreciated as a very
good Minister. But unfortunately, the
Ministry which he is handling has neces-
sarily to get cooperation from many other
Ministries. But this Ministry is func-
tioning without any cooperation of many
other Ministries. I am not pleading
for one type or category of labour force in
this country. I would like to urge upon
the Labour Minister to have plans and
policies which would cover the idle man
power in the country and at the same time
to find out a probable-rational solution
to the situation which is very explosive
in this country.

I would like to draw his kind attention
to the large number of agricultural wor-
kers covering more than six crores in this
country who are working for generations
together and there is no code of con-
duct...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lakkappa, if
you need some more time, you can continue
on Monday because the House will now
take up Private Member's Business.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: I will continue
on Monday.