

by me along with my notice. Now a regular Satyagrah has started. The incident may take an ugly turn any moment. The issue has been also raised in the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha. Redress is, therefore, immediately solicited.

(ii) **SHORT SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS TO SMALL INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN ASANSOL DURGAPUR INDUSTRIAL BELT.**

SHRI ROBIN SEN (Asansol): Madam Chairman, the Asansol-Durgapur small and ancillary industries are the worst sufferers and speedy growth of small and cottage industries in this important industrial belt is deterred due to step-motherly and non-co-operative attitude of the big public sector undertakings specially under SAIL and HSL. Due to non-availability of jobs from these giant public sector undertakings, the capacity of these small industries remains idle during most of the days in the year. This idle capacity of these industries means retrenchment of workers, lay-off and also unsteady and fluctuating economy of these small industries. These small industries in Asansol-Durgapur industrial belt also suffer due to non-having raw materials from Government supply sources. Although in the last year, a gala opening of stock yards was made at Durgapur by HSL/SAIL with the intention to supply raw materials to SSI units of Durgapur-Asansol, but it is experienced that required quantity of steel has not been supplied till to date to any of these SSI/Ancillary industries.

In view of the above, it is urged upon the big public sector undertakings in this industrial belt particularly, HSL/SAIL that reservation of certain items should strictly be off-loaded to these small industries on a fair price and also regular supply of required quantity of raw materials be ensured for both the survival and growth of these small

and ancillary industries and thereby to create employment opportunity to certain extent.

(iii) **PROCEDURE FOR GIVING GALIANTRY AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS TO OFFICER OF THE DEFENCE FORCES**

SHRI D. D. DESAI (Kaira): Madam Chairman, from the days of Shri Krishna Menon to Babuji, the House has been repeatedly assured about the sound health of Defence Forces.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The rules provide that you confine yourself to the written statement.

SHRI D. D. DESAI: Madam, we had been led to believe that the Defence forces had learnt the lessons of 1962 debacle and had carried out improvements of Command performance all along the line. But the article by Lt. Gen. Harbakhsh Singh (Retd.) in the *Indian Express* on April 25, issue reveals that the Command failures of 1962 were reported in 1965 and 1971. This should cause grave concern since there is little public debate on the issue about the capabilities of the Defence forces. Also in the same newspaper Lt. Col. J. R. Saigal has revealed serious deficiencies in selection procedures particularly above Lt. Col. rank and in giving gallantry awards. While awards and promotions given to right persons build up army morale, these given to the wrong ones, shatter it. Mr. Saigal's revelation that in 1971 an award was 'thrust upon' a Commanding Officer of Singals and that award became a topic of ridicule, is shocking. The Government must come out with a statement about these deficiencies in order to allay public apprehensions about our Defence forces.

(iv) **LACK OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR EXPORT OF EDIBLE MUSTARD OIL FROM BEHARATPUR AND KHAIRLI MANDIS OF RAJASTHAN.**

श्री राज किरान (भरतपुर): सभापति महोदय, "पिछले दो महीनों से राजस्थान की भरतपुर तथा खैरली मंडियों से खाने योग्य तेल सरलों का निर्यात नहीं होने में तेल उद्योग संकट में आ गया