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12 HRS.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : I beg to introduce the three new Deputy Ministers to you and to the House—Shri Sidheshwar Prasad, Shri Jagannath Pahadia and Chaudhuri Ram Sewak. (*Interruptions*).

श्री मधु लिमये (मुंगेर) : और भी बहुत से नाम सुनने में आ रहे थे। क्या उन को ऐसे ही लटकाए रखा था।

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think you are making a Ministry before the House now! Let us go to the next item.

SHRI NATH PAI *rose*—

MR. SPEAKER : About what?

SHRI NATH PAI (Rajapur) : We are seized of the matter that the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has been pleased to introduce three of his new junior colleagues. Normally we would have applauded because they are young, though for no other reason, but knowing that this is a precautionary step, that this is not needed by the requirements of the country, it is only to prevent would-be defections that these appointments have been made, may I ask if the Government is going to be a large-scale employment exchange? We must get a reply. Is the Government going to be the biggest employment exchange in the country?

श्री मधु लिमये : नये नये वज्जोर तो लिये जा रहे हैं, लेकिन कबीना का एक वज्जोर अरसे से पड़ा हुआ है और प्रधान मन्त्री उन को कोई महकमा नहीं दे रही हैं। इस सदन, सरकार और देश के लिए यह अच्छा नहीं लगता है कि नये नये मन्त्री लिए जा रहे हैं और कबीना के एक सदस्य को काम नहीं मिल रहा है। हमारे दोस्त का कोई महकमा दे दिया जाये।

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think it is a matter for discussion.

12.03 HRS.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
 FAILURE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY FOODGRAINS TO DEFICIT STATES.

SHRI A. K. GOPALAN (Kasergod) : I call the attention of the Minister of Food and Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation to the following matter of urgent public importance, and I request that he make a statement thereon :

"The failure of the Central Government to fulfil the promised commitments of foodgrains supply to deficit States resulting in threatened break-down of rationing in West Bengal and serious scarcity conditions in Kerala and other States."

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : In making allocations for each month, during the last week of the preceding month, Government of India make an estimate of the quantities that are likely to be available both from imports and internal sources and make allocations to the deficit States accordingly. It often happens that the availability during the month differs from the estimate made during the last week of the preceding month. Sometimes ships do not arrive on the scheduled dates. At times there are difficulties in clearance of foodgrains at ports due to several causes like heavy rains and strikes. All this results in the supplies during the month not being upto the allocations made. There was dislocation in clearance and despatch at the ports due to rains during the months of August, September and October. As against an allotment of 858 thousand tonnes of foodgrains other than rice during July, actual supplies were 784 thousand tonnes. Similar figures for August, September and October are as follows :—

Month	In '000 tonnes)	
	Allotment	Supplies
August	876	859
September	880	806
October	883	801

It will thus be seen that the gap between allocation and supplies has not been very wide during recent months.