

Central Government is adopting a step-motherly attitude in the matter towards Uttar Pradesh.

Sir, the quality of coal is very bad. Stones are being supplied in place of coal as a result of which electricity generation has gone down by 800 megawatts. Because of power cut, big industrialists have been compelled to close down their industries. It is also feared that many people will be rendered jobless because of this. In August, only 7 thousand metric tonnes of coal were supplied instead of 19 thousand metric tonnes to Obra Thermal Power Station. Against a demand of 10 thousand metric tonnes of coal from Anpara only 5400 metric tonnes were supplied to them. Similarly, only 600 metric tonnes of coal were supplied instead of 3 thousand metric tonnes to Parea. The State is experiencing drought and the crops are drying up for want of irrigation. The state will fall in the grip of darkness at any time because of scarcity of electricity and the industries will also come to a grinding halt. Therefore, I would request the Government through you that sufficient quantity of good quality coal should be supplied to the Thermal Power Stations of Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI (Sitamarhi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Bihar trains from Muzaffarpur to Delhi and Patna to Delhi are running very late. Vaishali Express and Shaheed Express from Muzaffarpur, Magadh Express, Tinsukia Mail and A. C. Express from Patna are running very late. It is causing great hardship to the public. The catering service in these trains is very bad. Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister of

Railways to make improvement in it without any delay so that the trains running late by 3-4 hours run on time and the catering service also could be improved.

SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL (Rewa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not familiar with the rules of making speeches in this House, but I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to a very important point. The leader of the House is also sitting here who comes from the area adjoining Rewa and the leader of the opposition Shri Advani is also here. Shri Advani belongs to the party which is in power in Madhya Pradesh these days. I would like to draw the attention of all towards Ambedkar Adivasi Banwasi Nyaya Nagar, Bairiha Bund, Rewa. In this forest area no plantation was done by the department. The Adivasis and Vanwasis with due notice to the concerned authorities started living on an area of about 1000 acres. They began tilling the land. Nothing happened to these people for six months. They had settled on the land after giving due notice. They sowed 40 quintals of linseed there and dug three wells after boring mountainous terrain. These people were completely displaced on 18th January, 1991. Nearly 2500 bicycles, utensils, clothes, goats and hens etc. belonging to these people were taken away by the police and the feudal lords and till now nothing has been returned to them. A Commissioner was sent to that place to make an assessment whether the land was cultivable or not. The Commissioner did not reach there upto 5 p.m. and later the employees of forest department reached there alongwith goondas etc. and forcibly evicted the people. Nearly 40 people

are still in jail. I talked to the authorities only yesterday, but I was not allowed to meet these people. The people continue to be detained there. Immediate action may be taken and the false cases against them may be withdrawn. The situation is becoming grave there and people are being beaten up and nobody is passing attention to their woes. I want that immediate action should be taken.....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRISHIN PATEL (Seewan) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question of Kala-azar has been raised in the House earlier also. Thousands of people have died of Kala-azar in Bihar. It is the question of life and death for millions of people. This question has been raised in the House many a time. I would like to make a submission to the Government through you to take over its eradication under its control. There can be no other burning problem in Bihar than this. Whenever I raise this question here, no heed is paid. I feel that the authorities are least responsive to this problem. We are arguing and the Government does not listen to us and the poor people are dying there. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I feel that the question that has been raised by Shri Patel is very important for Bihar. Kala-azar is just like plague. I had said this that day also. In 1977 when our party was in power, Shri Raj Narain used to be the Health Minister. We received some assistance from the W.H.O. A single injection costs Rs. 500. If one member of a family falls a victim of this disease, the whole family contracts the ailment. The disease has spread in whole of Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. It is as

dangerous as plague. Bihar Government has proved to be a failure in it. Neither it is financially strong nor it has got any medical equipment to check the spread of this fever. The Central Government too is not capable. Therefore, I would like to make a demand from the Central Government to take some help from the W.H.O. for the eradication this disease, otherwise it might spread all over the country in a few days.

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SHRI P. M. SAYEED (Lakshadweep) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a very serious situation has arisen on account of the non-availability of the essential commodities in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. You have visited Lakshadweep. So, you know about it. You have also visited Andaman. Unless and until the supplies go from the mainland, all the people will be starving to death. The Minister of Home is here. The Minister of Civil Supplies is also here. Kindly direct them to see whether the essential commodities are available over there or not. It should not be taken so lightly. I want to request the Government through you to see that they should be taken care of.

MR. SPEAKER : I am sure the Government will look into it.
(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : This is not going on record.
(*Interruptions*)*

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh) : Let the Deputy Minister say something about it.
(*Interruptions*)

*Not recorded.