

had been serving this country continuously for thirty years. He had successfully worked in different departments. In Government, his role was no less than a great leader. Shri Rajiv Gandhi had allotted an amount for the construction of Samta Sthal. But no construction work or development work has yet been started there. All Members shed crocodile's tears in this House. Babuji was also a Harijan Member but nothing is being done for him.

I urge upon the House that the Samta Sthal should be constructed immediately.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): It is a very serious matter.

[*English*]

DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to enlighten the House on the issue raised by hon. Member Shri Jaswant Singh...

MR. SPEAKER: I am allowing only one Member to speak on one issue. Please sit down. Now Shri Chandrakar.

...(Interruptions)*...

MR. SPEAKER: What Mr. Rongpi is saying is not going on record. I have allowed Shri Chandrakar.

[*Translation*]

SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR (Durg): Madhya Pradesh is facing a fierce famine at this time. Labourers and the poor are migrating from there. They are going to Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi. More than one lakh workers have left Durg in search of work. The Central Government has provided Rs. 20 crore to BJP Government in Madhya Pradesh for

relief works. But thousands of people have started Dharna in front of Collector's Office, since 11th December as relief works have not been started.

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[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

Everyday 500 people are being arrested and they have decided to continue it until the relief works are started, there. The same case is with Durg district which is called an advanced district. The agricultural and factory production is decreasing due to non opening of mills. Non-availability of electricity is also causing loss to the production. There is no water due to famine. Tube wells and wells are useless in the absence of electricity. So I request the Central Government that this matter is very serious and keeping it in view, the BJP Government should be asked to undertake the relief works with the amount of 20 crores which has already been given to the Government of Madhya Pradesh.. (Interruptions)...

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, when the discussion is going on regarding Madhya Pradesh I would like to inform that relief works are going on while the Central Government is not providing money. I have a letter from the Chief Minister which has been addressed to the hon. Union Agricultural Minister demanding money for relief works, but the Central Government has not provided it; even though the relief works are on progress. .. (Interruptions)... As famine has requested the Central Government to provide assistance. The State Government has also invested some amount from its own sources, youths are being employed but Central Government is not providing money. To undertake the relief works speedily and to face that problem of drought, the State