

directions of our hon. Chief Minister to give ration cards to all the needy people, 27 lakhs new ration cards were given last year alone. These new cards alone need 5,400 tonnes of additional sugar. Since there is a difference nearly four rupees per kilogram between the PDS shop and the open market, people prefer to buy sugar from the civil supplies outlets only. Because of the gap between public demand and Central allotment of sugar there is shortage for which the State has to take the responsibility to tide over the shortage. The Tamil Nadu Government had demanded a monthly allotment of 10,000 tonnes of sugar immediately. So, I now appeal to the Central Government to meet this demand and release additional quota of sugar without delay. Thank you, Madam.

[The Vice-Chairman Syed Sibtey Razi *In the Chair*]

Re, U.S. Naval Blockade Against Cuba

SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI (Kerala): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I want to draw the attention to the threat of naval blockade against Cuba by USA and the serious situation that has arisen out of it. The administrators of America have made their intentions very clear. Their aim is to make a change in the present Government and replace Fidel Castro through the use of military might and subversion. This threat is against all norms of international law and also of all decisions of the United Nations. The United Nations have already taken a decision and by a resolution they have asked the USA to withdraw its economic blockade. Instead of implementing it, the USA has come forward threatening Cuba with naval blockade. Sir, this is a very serious situation. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and after the set-back to socialism in East European countries.

America is emboldened to impose its will, maybe, through the use of its might and also subverting democratically elected Governments.

In India, America does not like the research and development of our defence

weapons. It pressurises other countries not to supply us technology and other materials. About Kashmir, it is taking a consistent anti-India position. If America's attempt goes unopposed, that will be a threat to democracies. America is trying to bring their own form of Government, their puppet Governments in most of these countries in the Third World countries. So, I would like to appeal to this august House to join with all freedom-loving people in opposing America's attempt to create subversion by imposing naval blockade.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Thank you.

THE RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: I urge upon the Government of India to come forward to condemn this naval blockade in the highest traditions of our country ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Shri Nilotpal Basu.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, I associate myself with this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Shri Nilotpal Basu.

SHRI M.A. BABY (Kerala): Sir, just we want to register our association. That is all.

श्री जलालुद्दीन अंसारी (बिहार): मैं सपोर्ट करता हूँ.... (व्यवधान)

उपसभाध्यक्ष (सैयद सिब्ते रज़ी): प्लीज आप बैठ जाइए, बैठ जाइए।

Re. Public Declaration of Personal Assets of Ministers

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir I rise to articulate an issue which has the support of the hon. Prime Minister himself. It has been reported in a section of the press that while speaking in a meeting, the Prime Minister has demanded of his Cabinet colleagues that all their assets must be publicly proclaimed. I am against adding any implication or