

[डा० रत्नकिर पाण्डेय]

जब कोई चीज इम्प्लामेंट करती है तो उसे केन्द्रिय विश्वविद्यालयों तक ही सीमित न रखकर सारे विश्वविद्यालयों में लागू करना चाहिए। शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा यह कहकर टाल दिया जाता है कि यह स्टेट सब्जेक्ट है, यह बंद होना चाहिए और इसका गंभीर रूप स विवृ कर के सारे देश में एकरूपता के साथ अध्यापकों को यू० जी० सी० का ग्रेड मिलना चाहिए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Now I call Mr. Kanhu Charan Lenka.

Mr. Lenka, may I wish you many, many happy returns of the day!

SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA (Orissa): Sir, I extend my grateful thanks for your kind greetings. I also thank all my colleagues for their greetings, the senior colleagues for their blessings.

Problems Arising out of Reduction in Offtake of Iron Ore by MMTC for the purpose of Export

SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA (Orissa): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I want to bring to the notice of the Government the serious problems arising out of the reduction in the offtake of iron ore by MMTC for the purpose of export.

MMTC have decided to reduce procurement of iron ore from the non-captive mines for the purpose of export by 50 per cent during 1988-89. The mines are located in the tribal districts of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh. As a result of the decision of the MMTC effecting reduction in procurement by 50 per cent of the quantity procured during 1987-88, a number of mines have been forced to close down and there has been reduction in the strength of mine workers. This has also affected the revenue of the State and business of Paradip Port. The reasons advanced by MMTC are that they have export contract for only 12 lakh tonnes from Paradip Port during 1988-89 and they are carrying sufficient

stock of iron ore at the port and at the various railheads in Barjamda-Bangpani Sector. Besides, MMTC are incurring losses on export of iron ore through Paradip Port mainly because of the high incidence of railway freight. Sir, the closure of the iron ore mines and consequent retrenchment of a large number of Tribal Workers will spell economic disaster in the Sensitive Tribal areas of Bihar and Orissa.

Sir, a directive should be issued by the Ministry of Commerce to the MMTC to increase their procurement to at least last year's level. Secondly, with a view to reducing the continuing losses of MMTC on export of iron ore through Paradip Port, the Railway Ministry should be persuaded to give a concessional freight, and simultaneously steps should be taken to augment the ore handling capacity in Paradip Port so that as an interim measure, the Port can handle ore carriers of at least one lakh DWT capacity. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA (Orissa): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the views expressed by Shri Lenka.

SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY (Orissa): Sir, this is a very serious problem. I want to associate myself with the want to urge upon the Government of India to direct the MMTC to secure additional market facility for export of iron ore from Paradip Port and increase their procurement from those mine areas. And another major factor which Mr. Lenka has also mentioned is that the Railway Ministry should give a concessional freight so that it does not incur more losses by exporting through Paradip Port. Thank you, Sir.

Attack on Press Reporters in Various Parts of the Country

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir two or three days ago, a large number of journalists marched to the residence of the Union Home Minister

to protest against the repeated and large scale attacks on the journalists and the pressmen. Sir, lately there have been a number of incidents of attacks on the press in various parts of the country, particularly in the States ruled by the Congress. And, in fact any attack on the pressmen is an attack on democracy itself. And the police are inactive and anti-social elements are being used by some political elements to launch attacks on the press. And recently such incidents have increased in States like Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. There have been brutal attacks on Shri Hari Om Gupta, a reporter of 'Viswa Manav' daily at Bareilly. And there were attacks on Shri Subhash Gupta of Daily 'Amar Ujala' and there was a day-light murder also of Mr. Umesh Dobal in Garhwal. These are some of the recent incidents of attacks on the journalists. And the delegation met the Home Minister and requested that action should be taken immediately to protect the journalists and the press. Instructions should be issued to the State Governments also to make special efforts for the protection of journalists. And through you, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to this serious problem. I hope the Union Government would take up the matter with the concerned State Governments so that such incidents will not recur. Thank you, Sir.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मान्यवर, इसका ध्यान रखिए कि यह सब कांग्रेस शासित राज्य हैं। इस ओर सरकार को विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। पत्रकारों की ओर जो पत्रकारिता का समूह है, इसकी उपेक्षा नहीं होनी चाहिए।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate with him. But why exclude the other journalists in other States? Everywhere it is going on. (Interruptions). Whether in Haryana or West Bengal or Andhra Pradesh or Karnataka, everywhere it is going on. Sir, I support him to the

extent that journalists should be protected in the other Opposition-ruled States also, anywhere in the country.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. I said all over the country, particularly the Congress ruled States. (Interruptions).

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): They have clearly said that in the Congress ruled States Journalists have been attacked and butchered by Congress people with the help of... (Interruptions).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: There are many instances in various States where journalists are attacked. It is not only in the Congress States. It is in Andhra Pradesh also. It is in Karnataka, it is in Haryana, in West Bengal; everywhere. The point is that journalists should be protected anywhere.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Sir, it is about the procession that was taken. (Interruptions). They have given a memorandum to the Home Minister and that fact has been brought in the special mention. (Interruptions).

श्री रामनरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : श्रीमान, मैं भी इसका समर्थन करता हूँ इसको बन्द करना चाहिए... (छावधान)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Please support freedom of the press wherever it is attacked.

Imposition of Central Levy on Rice Mills in Bihar

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने जो विशेष उल्लेख के लिए निवेदन किया है वह कई बार मैंने इस उम्मीद के साथ किया कि शायद इस सरकार को कुछ हुआ, शर्म हो और कुछ कार्यवाही करे। महोदय, हाथी के दांत दिखाने के और तथा खाने के और होते हैं उषी तरह में केन्द्र सरकार की नीतियां ऐसी हैं जो बिहार को कंगाल कर रही हैं, खामकर जो मवाल में उठा रहा हूँ वह खनिज के शोषण और दुरुपयोग के बारे में है।

महोदय, हमारे यहां जो राईस मि किसी तरह से चल रही थीं उनको मारन