

Need for Central Assistance to Meet the Drought Situation in Madhya Pradesh

श्री केशव प्रसाद शुक्ल (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपस्थित अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मध्य प्रदेश के भयंकर सूखे के अविश्वनीय लोकमूहत्व के विषय का उल्लेख कर सदन तथा सरकार का ध्यान इस ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। महोदय, जैसे तो तीनों साल से गततार मध्य प्रदेश में सूख पड़ रहा है, उसके विपरीत किसी विप्लव में भयंकर सूखा रहा है, लेकिन इस साल का सूखा अत्यन्त गंभीर है। मध्य प्रदेश में इस वर्ष मीसून का आगमन बहुत ही कमजोर था। जून के दूसरे सप्ताह में प्रायः सभी जिलों में मीसून के पूर्व की मामूली तीसरी वर्षा हुई, किन्तु उसके बाद जून के अंत तक मध्य प्रदेश के सभी जिलों में छुटपुट हल्की सी वर्षा के अलावा लगभग सूखा ही रहा। और उसके बाद भी वर्षा नहीं हुई। इससे मध्य प्रदेश के अधिकांश जिलों में खरीफ की फसलें नहीं बोयी जा सकीं तथा कुछ जिलों में, जहाँ धान या अन्य खरीफ की फसलें बोई गयीं वहाँ भी वर्षा न होने से सूख गयीं और इस तरह से फसल के सूख जाने से भयंकर अकाल की स्थिति निर्मित हो चुकी है। अत्यन्त कम वर्षा के कारण मध्य प्रदेश में पेयजल का भी भयंकर संकट हो गया है। पानी का स्तर नीचे हो गया है। पिछले साल इंदौर संभाग में जो सूखा था, वहाँ पर पानी का स्तर 600 फीट नीचे चला गया था, अधिकांश जिलों में इसी प्रकार की स्थिति निर्मित है, कुएं, तालाब, नदी, नाले सूख गए हैं। स्थिति बहुत ही भयावह है तथा अवर्षण के कारण पशुओं के लिए चारा भी नहीं उगा। पशु-आहार की विकट समस्या उपस्थित होने वाली है।

मध्य प्रदेश शासन ने इस भयंकर परिस्थिति का सामना करने का निर्णय किया है, किन्तु प्रदेश की वित्तीय स्थिति को देखते हुए बिना केन्द्र की विशेष आर्थिक सहायता के अकाल का सामना

करना असंभव है। मध्यप्रदेश शासन ने केन्द्रीय सरकार से 208 करोड़ रुपये की वित्तीय सहायता देने का अनुरोध किया है। इस के अलावा प्रति माह एक लाख टन गेहूँ तथा इतना ही चावल दिए जाने का अनुरोध किया है। पीने के पानी के लिए दूर तक, गहराई तक ड्रिलिंग करने वाली मशीनों का भी आवश्यकता है। अतः मैं इस उल्लेख के द्वारा केन्द्र सरकार से अनुरोध करता हूँ कि वे शीघ्र-शीघ्र मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को सूखे से उत्पन्न भयंकर अकाल की स्थिति का दृढ़ता से सामना करने हेतु अविलंब विशेष आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करें, गल्ला, चारा, भूसा, पेयजल आदि के लिए भी समुचित व्यवस्था करने में प्रांतीय-सरकार की सहायता करें। धन्यवाद।

Scarcity of School Text-Books in Orissa

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA (Orissa): Sir, I have to draw your attention and the attention of the House to an acute problem due to non-cooperation of the Central Government Press situated at Bhubaneswar to print nationalised text-books.

Sir, scarcity of nationalised text-books on the eve of the academic session has created a resentment among the students and the parents in the State of Orissa. All the text-books, beginning from Class 1 to 10 have been nationalised and their production, printing and sale are directly controlled by the Government agencies. The Text-book Press and the Board of Secondary Education are in charge of publication. Due to short supply of books, unscrupulous dealers who are selling books in urban and rural areas are taking an upper hand. In some places, these books are being sold at higher prices. The harassed parents are running from shop to shop as the academic session has already commenced. In most of the cases, they are disappointed.

Sir, it is ascertained that 80 lakh books are required for the State as against which only about 55 lakh books have been supplied so far. The rest of the books could not be supplied in time due to non-printing of the same by the concerned press. Actually the Government Text-book Press would not be able to print all the nationalised text-books in time as a result of which scarcity of text-books prevailed in the beginning. The Central Government has a press in Bhubaneshwar which could be utilised for printing the nationalised text-books. But, Sir, I am told the authority concerned refused to do so.

Sir, I therefore, fervently hope that the Government may take up the matter and give necessary directions to the authorities of the Government Press to print the nationalised text-books on a priority basis so that scarcity would not occur. If the books are not supplied to the students in time, I think, the new educational policy would not succeed. Thank you, Sir.

Reported Supply of Arms by Pakistan to Terrorists in Punjab

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: (Pondicherry): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the House a matter of public importance, namely, that Pakistani arms have been supplied to terrorists. Sir, we have already been seeing for the past two years that terrorists in Punjab have crossed over to the Indian side. They have been trained in Pakistani camps and then they have been sent back to India to create problems on the Indian soil. Further, these people who are going to Pakistan as pilgrims, they have been given the impression by the Pakistani authorities that their kith and kin in India are

being tortured and they are not being treated as Indians. That publicity is also going on in Pakistan. Apart from that one daily from U. K. called Observer has published an item stating that they have received news from Miram Shah, a town on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border that Pakistani arms dealers in Lahore and Faisalabad were supplying arms to Sikh militants in India. Sir, it has also quoted that the shopkeepers of these two towns, that is Lahore and Faisalabad, are selling arms in the open market and that it is a very big world market for arms and ammunition in Pakistan area. The despatch has also supported with photographs the arms which have been sold in those areas, both in provincial areas and border areas. Sir, the Pakistan Government has intentionally opened shops and they are supplying arms and ammunition to the terrorists and they are being smuggled to India and a lot of innocent people are being killed in Punjab and selected people are being killed in other parts, as we are noticing from the newspaper reports every day. Actually, Sir, the arms and ammunitions that have been sold by them are rocket launchers, mines, grenades and dynamite sticks and guns. In the open market these items are sold at enormous prices. For instance a Chinese kalishnikov is available for Rs. 15,000, but it is given for Rs. 7000 by Pakistani arms dealers. Similarly 30 bullets of guns cost only Rs. 30 now as against Rs. 300 some time back. They have spread the market in the Tribal areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan and also in the provincial towns. They have made it an open sale and thereby the terrorists are picking and choosing the weapons and they are smuggling them to Indian border. Therefore, Sir, I would like to urge upon the Government to seal the Indian border and secondly take up the issue with the Pakistan Government to stop arms sale to these terrorists. With these words, Sir, I conclude.