Aviation Authorities
[श्री ग्रटल विहारी वाजवेषी]

दिल्ली प्रशासन का यह काम नहीं था कि वह देखते जि यहां पर पत्थर नहीं होने चाहियें । कर्मचारी अपने साथ पत्थर नहीं लाये थे। दिल्ली पुलिस ने भड़काने वाली कार्यवाही की और पत्रिय घटनायें हुई। कर्मचारियों की केन्द्रीय दर पर वेतन-भत्ते ब्रीर गेंगन की मांग उचित है । अब उसे टाला नहीं जा सकता । केन्द्र सरकार ग्रयने कर्नवारियों को जो सविधायें ग्रौर वेतन भत्ते दे रही है, उनसे राज्य कर्मचारियों को कब तक वंचित रखा जायेगा । वहां हडताल चल रही है। अगर प्रदेश सरकार के पास पैसे नहीं हैं तो छेन्द्रीय सरकार को वित्तीय साधा देने चाहिये। वहां पर वित्त मंत्रातय के मंत्री महोदय विराजभान हैं. मंतीदवय हैं, में उनसे अनुरोध कहंगा कि वे हरियागा सरकार की मदद करें। मैं गृह मंत्री से मांग करता हं कि यह दिल्ली की घटना है, दिल्ली केन्द्र शासिल प्रदेश है, अतः कल की घटनाओं के बारे में वह बयान दें । मैं प्रजान संत्री से भी अनरोध करूंगा कि कर्मचारियों की भावनायें शद हैं, आप उनके प्रतिनिधिमंडल को बात करने ं तिये निमंत्रग दें, उन**की** मांगों को सुने श्रौर उनका ठीक तरह से समाधान करें। मैं उनकी मांगों का समर्थन करता

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Sir. I also associate myself with the statement made by Hon. Member. Shri Vajpayee. Yesterday I was also a witness to what happened. I cannot say the exact number, but a large number of men, women and workers were there who had come from Haryana. I am told that they have been agitating for the last so many months for the implementation of the Fourth Pay Commission's Report and the Govennment is refusing to listen to them. They held a rally and I was also there at the meeting. Some newspapers reported that there was stone throwing. I did not see any stone-throwing. What I have seen is that several women were brutally beaten. by the police. It was a very painful thing. I would request the Government to make

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an inquiry as quickly as possible. The Government should also press upon the Haryana Government to implement the Fourth Pay Commission's Report for its employees.

REFERENCE TO THE HEAVY DEMURRAGE BEING LEVIED BY CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AT THE INDIRA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DELHI

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am deeply obliged for giving me this opportunity to raise this important question.

On Friday the newspapers reported that there was a fight between the police and customs authorities at the Indira Gandhi Inemational Airport.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]

Today's Financial Express has reported that demurrage to the tune of Rs. 6 lakks is collected every day at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. As a result of it a serious situation has arisen, particularly for importers, at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Cargo Terminal because of the delay in Customs clearance and the exorbitant demurrage charges of the International Airports Authority. Even for the time taken by the Customs, it is the importer who has to pay the demurrage charges to the Airport Authority, in addition to the Customs duty and the penalty, if any. The demurrage charges are so exorbitant that in several cases they far exceed the value of the cargo and up till now hundreds of crores of rupees have been realised.

A major reason for the delay in customs clearance is the shortage of customs staff. But quite often clearance is also delayed deliberately by the Customs staff to haras, the importers who are their customers. There is no reasonable time frame for the Customs clearance procedure. Some of the appeals have been pending for years.

Importers have to deposit the customs duty even at the time of filling their bills

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of entry and not after the final customs clearance. The entire system is causing undue hardship and harassment particularly to small industries and traders:

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The Indira Gandhi International Airport has become an important cargo terminal not only for Delhi but for the entire north-western region. Unless the clearance facilities are improved and procedures rationalised, the development of industry and trade in this region will be adversely affected.

While the Government is fully entitled to recover the customs duties and penalties, if any, from the importers, why should the importers be made to pay any demurrage for the undue time taken by the Customs due to shortage of staff or lack of efficiency? The Finance Ministry should also, take up with the Ministry of Civil Aviation the question of bringing the demurrage charges at Delhi in line. with those at other ports. If necessary, a supplementary customs-bonded warehousing facility with lower charegs be created near the present cargo terminal for any goods that remain the custody of the Customs and Airport authorities for more than a specified time. If a notice is given to lift the cargo and it is not lifted, only then they could be fixed or demurrage could be charged. But the importer does not know about its arrival. Why should he be fined? The basic question is, who prevents the importer from lifting the cargo. Sometimes it is the Customs people and sometimes it is the Airport Authority. One Department says: you don't lift it, and the other says, since you have not lifted, you are fined. Why can't the two departments coordinate, instead of making contradictory demands? They must coordinate between themselves to the best interest of the consumer, in order to avoid any price-rise, because as I said, sometimes the amount of demurrage charged is more than the cost of the consignment. And the amount of demurrage is passed on to the cost to be borne by the consu-

I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

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श्री ग्रश्विनी कुमार (बिहार) : माननीया उपसभापति जी, ग्रापके माध्यम से उत्तर प्रदेश की छावनियों-केन्टोन्मेंट- में रहने वाले सिविल पापुलेशन के सामने जो एक नयी समस्या ग्रायी है उस की श्रोर श्रापंका ध्यान श्राकषित करना चाहंगा। यह सर्वविदित है कि केन्टोन्मेंट्स में--जब से केन्टोनमेंट्स बनी हैं--बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में सिविल पापुलेशन रहती है। उनके ग्रपने मकान हैं, दुकाने हैं, घर हैं जो उन्होंने खरीदे हैं, बनाये हैं । प्रभी-ग्रभी जानकारी मिली है कि ग्रागरा छावनी के ग्रधिकारियों ने अब सिविल पापुलेशन को यह नोटिस दिया है, जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि स्नापके मकान नापे जायेंगे, उसका कीमत कितनो है उसका पता लगाया जायेगा। यह भी जानकारी मिली है कि यह नोटिस केवल आगरा में ही नहीं जो०ग्रो०सी० सेन्ट्ल कमांडेंट के अधीन जो 39 छावनियां हैं सब को केस्टेलियं ज भेजा गया है। स्राल इंडिया सिटीजन एसोसिएशन ने रक्षा मंत्री इस बारे में श्रावेदन दिया है परन्त अ तक उस और कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया म है। मैं ग्रापके माध्यम से सरकार की ध्यान इस ग्रोर श्राकृष्ट करना चाहंगा कि इस प्रकार के नोटिस देना केवल. नियमों का ही उल्लंघन नहीं है बल्कि वहां, रहने वाले, 100-150 वर्षों से रहने वाले इंसानों की मानवता के खिलाफ भी है। छावनियों में बड़ी संख्या में लोग रहते हैं, वहां सब स्विधाएं उनको उपलब्ध हैं। इस नोटिस के नारण सिविल पापुलेशन के ग्रन्दर एक घोर मान-सिकः बेचैनी व्याप्त हो गयी है और एक संघर्ष की स्थिति बनती चली ा रही है। ग्रापके माध्यम से एक कात की ग्रोर सरकार का ध्यान खींचना चाहता हूं कि सीलिंग एक्ट के अन्दर छावनी प्रशासन ने जो जमीन श्रीध-ग्रहण की है उसका भी ग्राज तक कोई उपयोग नहीं किया है। वह भी खाली पड़ी है। तब ग्रगर छावनी के लोग कहते हैं कि जमीन चाहिए काम करते