

[श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा]

के भरोसे चलती रही। अब इन मिलों को न तो केन्द्रीय सरकार अपने हाथ में ले रही है, न मिल मालिक मिलों को चलाने के लिये तैयार हैं और न राज्य सरकार इसके लिये तैयार है। 27 दिसम्बर, 1985 के बाद जो यह मिल चली तो पता नहीं उन मजदूरों की तनख्वाह के लिये कौन जिम्मेदार है, जो माल बना उसके लिये कौन जिम्मेदार है और जो माल बेचा गया पता नहीं उसके लिये कौन जिम्मेदार है। इसका कुछ पता नहीं है, कोई ठौर-ठिकाना नहीं जब से सरकार ने इनको छोड़ दिया है। जब मजदूरों ने इसके बारे में अप्रोच किया तो कहा गया कि राज्य सरकार चलायेगी, राज्य सरकार कहती है कि इनको केन्द्रीय सरकार ने लिया था इसलिये केन्द्रीय सरकार जाने, हम नहीं चलायेंगे और मिल मालिक इनको लेने के लिये तैयार नहीं हैं। जब वहां मुख्य मंत्री को अप्रोच किया गया तो उन्होंने कहा कि मैं मिल लूंगा नहीं बल्कि नयी मिल खड़ी करूंगा। मान्यवर, नयी मिल कई वर्षों में खड़ी होगी और न जाने कब पिरायी शुरू करेंगे। इस साल जो गन्ना, कम से कम 18 लाख टन या 20 लाख टन पड़ा हुआ है उसका क्या होगा, वह कहाँ पेरा जायेगा, मजदूर कहाँ जायेंगे? इन तीनों मिलों की ये सारी चीजें एकदम गड़बड़ हो गयी हैं, कोई उसकी व्यवस्था नहीं है। इसलिये मान्यवर, मैं आपके माध्यम से इस सदन और सरकार का ध्यान इस ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ और निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि जल्दी से जल्दी इस चीज को निश्चित किया जाय कि कौन इन मिलों को चलायेगा। जब तक यह निश्चित नहीं होगा तब तक मिलों की मरम्मत का कार्य भी नहीं होगा और मिलें चलेंगी नहीं तो यहां के सारे किसान, डेढ़ लाख-दो-लाख से ज्यादा गन्ना-किसान और इन मिलों के सारे मजदूर जो हैं इन सब की रोजी-रोटी का जो सबसे बड़ा प्रश्न है वह उठेगा और उसके बाद प्रश्न उठेगा कि इसके कारण उत्पादन में जो कमी आयेगी उसका क्या परिणाम होगा, गन्ना जो खेतों में पड़ा है उसका क्या होगा? इसलिए मान्यवर, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से अनुरोध करना चाहता हूँ कि

जल्दी से जल्दी इन मिलों को चलाने की व्यवस्था करे। कौन इनका मालिक होगा, कौन इनको चलायेगा, इसकी जिम्मेदारी भी तय करने का मैं सरकार से अनुरोध करता हूँ। मान्यवर, बिना इसके इन मिलों का चलना संभव नहीं है अगर आप ऐसा नहीं करेंगे तो किसानों का सारा का सारा गन्ना बरबाद होगा, किसान बरबाद होंगे और मिल के मजदूरों की रोजी-रोटी जो इससे चलती थी वह बेकार हो जायेगी। अतः मेरा अनुरोध है कि सरकार इस ओर तुरन्त ध्यान दे।

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The whole House supports that.

REFERENCE TO THE THEFT OF JEWELLERY FROM A TEMPLE IN TAMIL NADU

SHRI T. R. BALU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise an issue of burglary that has taken place in a temple at Thenthiruperai, Tirunelveli district. Sir, usually people who have got faith in the God use to say, "Man proposes, God disposes", but I do not know to what extent it is true because these days even Gods are not able to save themselves from the dacoits and burglars.

In the last week of July a theft was committed in the Maharanedum-kuzhaikathar temple at Thenthiruperai in Tirunelveli district. The loss was to the tune of about Rs. 2 crores. Ornaments weighing about 12,420 grams of gold and 20,550 grams of silver, along with other diamonds, jewels, precious gems were stolen away by thieves. In the FIR they have put only Rs. 75,000. After the inventory was prepared, the Temple authorities have said that the

value is only Rs. 3 lakhs. But according to the latest reports, it amounts to more than Rs. 2 crores. The culprits have not yet been traced and to that effect our leader, Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi, sent a telegram to our Prime Minister, with a copy to the Union Minister urging them to see that the Temple jewels are restored, before they are lost, to the nation.

Sir, this is a day to day affair in Tamil Nadu. I request the Central Government to conduct an inquiry through the Central Bureau of Investigation, so that such happenings should not recur again. Day to day the law and order situation in Tamil Nadu is deteriorating.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Balu you have said what you wanted to say. Please sit down. Mr. Jaswant Singh. (Interruptions) Mr. Varadaraj, I have taken care.

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED PROSPECTS OF PERMANENT SHUTTING DOWN OF RAPP-I UNIT IN KOTA

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Dr. M. R. Srinivasan, Chairman of the Nuclear Power Board, has said that there is every possibility that RAPP-I may have to be shut down permanently. He has said that they have found that it is not possible to solve the problem with the existing technology.

Sir, RAPP-I is a candu type of reactor which we obtained from Canada and it was commissioned in 1973. Between 1973 and now it worked with a large number of stoppages. The total number of work-days lost was in the region of 540 or so. The capital investment was about Rs. 178 crores and annually it cost us Rs. 46 crores. From March 1982 to 1985, fault was found with the end shield of the reactor and an effort was made to rectify that fault. Dr. Srinivasan in his statement has now admitted that the effort has failed. This is not a condemnation of the Government and

certainly it is not a comment on the very sterling work which is being done by the Department of Atomic Energy. But there are two aspects which are parochial and I would request the Government to come forward with answers. Firstly, if RAPP-I is shut down, as it is now reported that we will have to be because we have spent enough money on it, then what consequences will it have on the total power supply situation of Rajasthan? As it is, Rajasthan suffers a great deal from power shortage and indeed there have been remarks from members of the Cabinet to say that if the atomic power situation in Rajasthan does not improve, the total power supply to Rajasthan will not improve. Therefore with this possibility of RAPP-I having to be shut down, what will be its consequences to Rajasthan power situation and what is the Government doing to augment that situation? That is one aspect.

The second aspect is that rather than relying on a newspaper item like this, we would request the Government to come forward and say that RAPP-I which has been a difficult atomic power plant, which we have tried to remedy can no longer work. We would like to have an authoritative statement from the Government that this is what the state of RAPP-I is, we are now going to shut it down, it will not or it will have some effect on the total nuclear energy programme in the country.

These are the two aspects which I will request the Government to clarify. Thank you.

REFERENCE TO THE AGITATION BY CASHEW WORKERS IN KERALA

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for permitting me to raise the point about the poignant plight of the cashew workers in Kerala. For the last more than two months more than 50,000 cashew workers are on strike. In the cashew industry in Kerala more than 1.25 lakh labourers are employed.