

हुआ, कितने लोगों को हुआ और कितना लोन दिया गया, तब यह सारा मामला साफ हो जायेगा कि कितने कम लोगों को लोन दिया गया है और वह सारे का सारा कागजों पर हो रह गया है, इसलिए कि उन्होंने रिश्तत नहीं दी ? अगर 10 परसेंट रिश्तत देने की, 15 परसेंट रिश्तत देने की उनकी ताकत होती तो मैं समझता हूँ कि अधिकांश लोग उसमें से सरकार से ऋण लेने के लिए ही नहीं जाते । क्योंकि वह ये गरीब लोग होते हैं जिनसे ऋण हर कीमत पर वसूल हो जाता है । ऋण पचाने वाले बड़े लोग होते हैं, जो ऋण लेते हैं और वापस देते भी नहीं हैं ।

मान्यवर बैंकों के आंकड़ों से पता चल जाएगा कि सबसे बड़े बकायादार बड़े लोग हैं, उससे कम बकायादार कास्तकार हैं और उससे कम बकायादार यह छोटे-छोटे लोग हैं । लेकिन फिर भी इनको ऋण देने में काफी परेशान किया जाता है । इसलिए मैं आपसे अनुरोध करूँगा, माननीय वित्तमंत्री तो हैं नहीं, लेकिन आप बैंकों को संभालें और बिना 10 परसेंट दिए शिक्षित बेरोजगारों को स्वरोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत लोन दिलाने की कृपा करें ।

उपसभापति : श्री वालमपुरी जॉन . . .

श्री कल्पनाय राय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : क्या ?

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : शिक्षित बेरोजगारों को लोन दिलाएँ बिना दस परसेंट (समय की घंटी) . . .

श्री कल्पनाय राय : इसको फिर दोहरा दें ।

उपसभापति : नहीं दोहराने के सिवे इजाजत लेनी पड़ती है । You cannot just 'doharao' like this. There is somebody sitting here and conducting the House.

REFERENCE TO THE DISCONNECTION OF THOUSANDS OF TELEPHONE LINES DUE TO RECENT HEAVY RAINS IN MADRAS

SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN (Tamil Nadu): Madam Deputy Chairman, in the November rains the Madras city was reduced to a sheet of water. Now the second spell of rains has set in Madras. For the last two days the whole city is being battered by the second spell of rains. The city of Madras has got 1,02,000 telephones. What happened there was that in the November rains, out of 1,02,000 telephones, 40,000 telephones had been disconnected. From the last November 10, till date, 35000 connections have not been given and only 5000 telephones have been connected. Here I find a kind of coldness in the Department. I would like to request the Minister of Communications, through the instrumentality of your office, that he should consider giving some rebate in the rental because it is from November 10 till date that 35,000 telephones have been disconnected. It is the largest number of telephones that have been disconnected for the longest period during the last 20 or 25 years. So, the Government should seriously consider giving rebate in the rental.

Moreover, I find that in the low-lying areas, the work is dead slow because of inundation and the rains. In Madras Exchange in general and the Kodambakam Exchange in particular, there is no work. Where there is some kind of work. I find a kind of slowness and coldness in commissioning these telephones.

Again, Madam. I find that a kind of discriminative policy is being adopted by the Madras Telephones in giving temporary connections. Some people are given connections for six months. When they are given extension as well as when they are denied extension, I find a lot of discrimination. So, the Minister of Communications should make a thorough probe and enquiry into this as to why

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there is so much of shameless discrimination in that particular area of temporary telephone connections.

The second spell of rains has already set in Madras during the last 48 hours. The city is experiencing incessant rains. The State Government has asked for Rs. 155 crores of assistance. This is not forthcoming from the Centre. Since it is being battered by the second spell of rains, now a greater quantum of assistance may be asked by the State Government. I would like to request the Central Government, the Union Government, that they should speed up this assistance to the State because it is already being battered by the second spell of continuous rains.

REFERENCE TO THE HARASSMENT CAUSED TO WORKERS BY THE CLOSURE OF STRETCH FIBRES (INDIA) LIMITED

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra): I rise to invite the attention of the House to the fast unto death which is undertaken by 11 workers of Stretch Fibres (India) Limited, Nagpur, at the boat Club since yesterday. The Stretch Fibres (India) Limited is a company owned by H. K. Jain and family members. They have other 10 private partnership firms for export, purchases and sales of the stretch Fibres (India) Limited. This is a classical example where the funds of a public company, which is the Stretch Fibres (India) Ltd., are systematically siphoned off for the benefit of the private firms and private companies. What is surprising is that as early as 1981 the workers represented to the Government and asked them to take some sort of curative measures. But nothing has happened and the company which was not able to manufacture nylon yarn to the full installed and licensed capacity of 540 tonnes, was given a licence for an increased capacity of 4200 tonnes in

1981 and matching loans were advanced. You can imagine the loss to the public fund which has been caused by this shockingly liberal attitude towards this erring management. Since 1983, the factory is closed. The workers are not called on work. They are not given any job. They are not paid any wages. This is a very serious matter. The starving workers are not in a position to meet the expenses and suffer the privations so long. And no steps have been taken by the State and the Central Government to look into the matter urgently. The workers also went to the court and they got a decision in their favour. The management Directors have been convicted and sentenced to three months jail. But they have gone in appeal and the matters are pending there. Madam, we have taken great pride in stating that ours are pro-labour policies. The hon. Finance Minister has said that if there is anybody who is reponsible for rendering deliberately any unit as sick, then no assistance will be given in regard to any other company in which he has financial stakes. Therefore, I demand on behalf of myself, and I am sure that all sections of this House will join in this demand that in the first instance a CBI enquiry into the siphoning off the property of the Company by the Directors by foul means be set up immediately. Secondly, stop financial assistance to all connected companies with which this family is connected. And for that matter, I would request the hon. Finance Minister to have an immediate report from the IDBI which is the lead company in the matter. Thirdly, those appeals wherein the convictions of these employers have been stayed should be get expedited by the Government and it should be seen that these people are properly punished. Lastly the most important thing is to see that the payment of the dues of the back wages and the provident fund amounting to one and a half crores of rupees of these workers are paid immediately. And also, they should take further steps to rehabilitate the unit as early as possible. Thank you.

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): I support the demand made by my friend, Shri Bhandare, for taking over the unit.