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by about six-fold. While the world price will be about Rs. 225 per kg., the product of this company will cost about Rs. 1200 per kg. Therefore, either from the cost point of view or from the safety point of view, this is not suitable. After using obsolete technology it will take them about 3 years to expand by which time the patent life of the technology will be over and that too will become detrimental to the health of the people of Baroda.

Therefore, I plead with the Government to look into this problem very seriously so that such a tragedy does not recur in Baroda. One may say that the things have always been looked into but see what happened in Madhya Pradesh Assembly when the issue was raised, an effort was made to sidetrack the issue and ultimately thousands of people had to pay the penalty by losing their lives. This is all due to the mistake committed by the bureaucracy, by the Government.

Therefore, I request the Government to look into this matter carefully and see that a similar tragedy does not befall again as it happened in the case of Bhopal.

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED SHORTAGE OF COOKING GAS CYLINDERS IN DEHI

श्री शमोम अहमद सिद्दीकी (दिल्ली) :
डिप्टी चेयरमैन साहिब, मैं आपके माध्यम से पेट्रोलियम मिनिस्टर साहब का ध्यान दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि गुजिस्ता दो-तीन महीनों से दिल्ली के अंदर गैस की शार्टेज है और उस शार्टेज की वजह से लोगों को काफी परेशानी है क्योंकि जिन लोगों को गैस कनेक्शन मिलते हैं, उनको न तो कोयला मिलता है और न ही मिट्टी का तेल मिलता है और खास तौर से पिछले 15 रोज से तो यह हालत है कि लोग बीस बीस रोज से पैसे जमा करवाते हैं, लेकिन सिलेंडर का कोई वक्त नहीं होता कि कब मिलेगा। शहर के अंदर आप जैसा कि जानती ही

है कि बहुत कंजस्टेड एरियाज हैं और खास तौर पर जो इस शार्टेज से मुतासिर हो रहे हैं, वह जामा मस्जिद का इलाका है, सदर बाजार का इलाका है और बल्ली मारान का इलाका है।

मैं पेट्रोलियम मिनिस्टर की तबज्जह इस ओर दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि वह इस तरफ तबज्जह फरमायें और शहर के लोगों को जो दिक्कतों, परेशानियाँ उठानी पड़ती हैं, उसकी तरफ कौरी कार्यवाही करें।

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED RETRENCHMENT IN THE BENGAL POTTERIES LIMITED, CALCUTTA

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal):
Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the condition of a very important industrial unit in West Bengal—the Bengal Potteries Ltd. It is one of the oldest units in the pottery industry in India. In fact, it is a pioneer in that industry and the products of this unit are appreciated all over the country. That industry employs 3500 workers, all in Calcutta. But this industry has fallen sick over the last several years and after a prolonged trade union movement the Government took over the management. But the Government has entrusted the management of this industry to such persons as are again by their mismanagement and inefficient financial control leading the industry towards further sickness. Now the condition is such that at any moment the industry may be closed down. If it is closed down, not only 3500 employees and workers will be thrown out of job but a pioneer industry in the field of pottery will be shut down. That will be, a very sad affair.

Madam, for a long time the workers of that industry belonging to trade unions, affiliated to various central trade unions are demanding nationalisation of Bengal Potteries Ltd. This