

Sir, the point for which I am arising is the impending retrenchment notices which have been issued to 30,000 workers of 40 iron ore mines, half of them Adivasis, in the Badajamunda sector of the two Orissa districts of Keonjhar and Sundargarh. Sir, this news appeared in the 'Statesman' also of April 23, 1983. Sir all the workers have received notices from both the public sector and the private sector mineowners that there will be no production in any one of these mines from 1st of July. The reasons given in the notices, Sir, is that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation which was the sole purchaser of iron ore has stopped purchasing any iron ore from these mines on the ground that the importers are refusing to send their ships to the Paradip port because of the low draught and also because of other reasons. Sir, the result is that nearly two lakh people, that means, 30,000 workers and their families, will be absolutely facing starvation.

Sir, the main villain of the piece is the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation. Sir, you will be surprised to know that these were the mines from which the MMTC purchased 26,78,232 tonnes in 1975-76, and in 1982-83, the purchases have gone down to mere 6,15,891 tonnes. Similarly, Sir, all the public sector and private sector steel plants used to buy iron ore from these huge iron ore mines in Keonjhar district, and they purchased 13,17,842 tonnes in 1980-81, while in 1982-83, it has come down to mere 9,53,332 tonnes.

Sir, if there is any defect or if the importers are refusing to send their ships to Paradip port because of the draught restriction, is it not the prime duty of the Shipping and Transport Ministry to improve the facilities in Paradip port? Secondly, Sir, Orissa is being devastated, as you have just heard Mr. Mohapatra, because of serious drought. Is it the time to throw out 30,000 workers, which Mr. Salve also talked the other day? Sir, it concerns the Ministry of Commerce which controls the MMTC, it concerns the Steel

and Mines Ministry which purchases iron ore for the steel plants, and it concerns the Labour Ministry which has to give the permission for the closure of the iron ore mines. So, Sir through you, I wish to draw the attention and the attention of the three Ministries and the attention of the Prime Minister to the utterly grim situation facing Orissa. I would like to know what steps are being taken to save the jobs of these 30,000 Adivasi workers. Sir, you have just now heard that there is severe drought, food is not being supplied, money that was requested by the Orissa Government to combat drought and flood, the entire amount has not been made available. On the other hand, people who are having jobs they are being thrown out because of the closure of Badajamunda sector in Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts of Orissa. What will the workers do? If nothing is done by the Government the will have to resort to direct action which will result in a serious law and order situation. What reply has the Government to give in this matter? Why the MMTC chose this particular juncture to stop the purchase of iron-ore resulting in the loss of jobs of 30,000 workers. So, Sir, I again plead with the Ministry that the Ministry must take steps to see that iron-ore mines are not closed down and the purchase of iron-ore continues.

**REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED
 DECISION TAKEN BY THE INDIAN
 BUREAU OF MINES TO SHIFT ITS
 REGIONAL OFFICE FROM NELLORE
 IN ANDHRA PRADESH TO MADRAS**

SHRI KRISHNA MOHAN
 BHAMIDIPATI (Andhra Pradesh) :
 Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I
 thank you very much for giving me
 an opportunity to make a special mention.
 The Indian Bureau of Mines has decided
 to shift the Regional Office of the Indian
 Bureau of Mines situated in Nellore to
 Madras and a part of the office has al-
 ready been shifted. The Regional Office
 at Nellore has been giving valuable

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 suggestions to the Mine owners in the development of their mines and also on the utility of the deposits. The region has several Mining Leases in force for barytes, limestone, asbestos and mica. Three cement plants have also been set up in Cuddapah District with an annual capacity of a million tonnes each. The Indian Bureau of Mines has also done considerable work in the field of asbestos, barytes and mica. Over 90 per cent of deposits for barytes in India are to be found in Cuddapah District which is adjacent to Nellore District. Since the grade of the limestone is not uniform, beneficiation studies will have to be taken up and for all these activities, the continuance of the Regional Office at Nellore is essential.

May I, through you, request the Hon. Minister for Mines to see that the Regional Office at Nellore is not shifted?

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED TRAINING IN HINDUISM AND SIKHISM BEING GIVEN TO MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN WITH A VIEW TO SENDING THEM SURREPTITIOUSLY TO INDIA FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

श्री घन श्याम सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश):
 आदरनाय उपसभापति जी, मैं आपका अत्यन्त आभारी हूँ कि आपने एक इम्पॉर्टेंट मॉटर पर विशेष उल्लेख करने का अवसर मुझे दिया है।

इस सम्मानित सदन के लिये यह एक अत्यन्त चिन्ता का विषय है कि भारत का पड़ोसी देश पाकिस्तान जिसके साथ भारत सरकार तथा हमारी आदरणीया प्रधान मन्त्री जी सदैव मैत्रीपूर्ण संबंध बनाये रखना चाहती हैं, परन्तु यह अत्यन्त खेद का विषय है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार के द्वारा निरन्तर इस प्रकार के कार्य किये जाते हैं तथा किये जा रहे हैं जो हमारी मैत्री में सदैव

बाधक होते हैं। उदाहरणस्वरूप, मैं आज के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूँ, जो मैं उद्धृत करता हूँ—

"जालंधर, 5 मई—सीमा पार ने प्राप्त समाचार के अनुसार पाकिस्तान ने मुसलिम युवकों को सिख वेश धारण करा कर हिंदू धर्म और सिख धर्म के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी देकर हथियार चलाने का प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है। पाकिस्तान सरकार ने लायलपुर और गुजरावाला में इस प्रकार के प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोले हुये हैं, जहाँ से अब तक मैक्यों युवक इस प्रकार का प्रशिक्षण ले चुके हैं। यह भी पता चला है कि इन युवकों को हिंदुओं और सिखों के धर्म-ग्रन्थों का शुद्ध पाठ करने का भी प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है। इस काम के लिये वहाँ के हिंदुओं और सिखों से सन्निध्य सहयोग भी पाकिस्तान सरकार ले रही है।"

मान्यवर, पाकिस्तान सरकार की यह कार्यवाही आजकल पंजाब में चल रहे आन्दोलन में घुसपैठिये भेज कर और अधिक उग्र रूप दिलाने के उद्देश्य से दिखाई पड़ती है, जो हमारे आंतरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप से सम्बन्ध रखता है। इस कार्यवाही से मेरा निश्चित मत है कि अकाली आन्दोलन के पीछे विदेशी शक्तियों का हाथ है।

इसलिये मेरा विदेश मन्त्रालय में अनुरोध है कि वह मॉटर को पाकिस्तान सरकार से गम्भीरता से ले और साथ ही रक्षा मन्त्रालय से अनुरोध है कि वह इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था करे कि घुसपैठियों को देश में घुसने न दें और इसके साथ ही मैं गृह मन्त्री जी से भी अनुरोध करूंगा कि वह इस मॉटर को जरा गम्भीरता से लेकर शीघ्र कार्यवाही करने की व्यवस्था करें। धन्यवाद।