

annulled." This is the way in which the Congress (I) is openly supporting the Amra Benga is. And what would happen if this *bandh* materialises? The Central Government has told them that they cannot spare any more police. We are short of police. This is a very small State and the resources of the State are very small. Therefore, we cannot keep more police. We want some Central assistance. And they refuse to send more Central police. And in the meanwhile they call this *bandh* also which means that the entire police which is working in the various villages now will have to be sent to the city of Agartala and once again communal clashes will take place. In this way, what the Congress (I) there is interested in is not restoration of peace and amity between the two communities but in aggravating the situation.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): On a point of order, Sir. It is wrong to cast aspersion and make insinuations against a political party like this.

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: I am not making aspersions.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: These are aspersions. (Interruptions) He cannot be allowed to make such aspersions one after another.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): This is our information. (Interruptions)

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: I will be glad if you deny it.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: These are serious insinuations. If I start abusing another party like this, will it be right in this House?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I do not understand the meaning of "as-persions".

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): Order please.

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: You know, Sir, I am not a person who casts aspersions without any foundation. (Interruptions) Don't interrupt me. I did not interrupt you. You please sit down. I am not yielding.

RAO BIRENDRA SINGH: I am pointing out to the Chair that this is wrong.

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: I am also addressing the Chair.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): Order please.

SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: I am only saying that if this thing materialises, then this would mean that the entire police force which is guarding the villages will have to be sent to Agartala and this would mean that there will be clashes. This is the fact that I am bringing out. Let them deny it; let them prevent it. I will be very happy. The only purpose for which I am bringing this out is for the Government and the ruling party to take note of this resolution of the Congress Committee there and to see that this thing is prevented. That is all my purpose. My purpose is nothing else. You verify it and prevent it. I will be the most happy man.

#### STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Committee appointed by Government to review performance of Food Corporation of India

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): Statement by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister.

श्री हुषम देव नारायण यादव (बिहार) : मेरा एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) : इस समय कोई विषय नहीं है । मंत्री जी स्टेटमेंट पढ़ेंगे । बीच में कैसे बोल सकते हैं ।

**श्री हुबम देव नारायण यादव :** अभी स्पेशल मेशन जो चल रहा था उस पर व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है ।

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) :** वह विषय समाप्त हो गया । आप बैठिये । स्टेटमेंट सुनिए ।

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Sir, pursuant to the statement made by the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd May, 1979, the Government appointed a committee in November, 1979 with Shri R. R. Morarka, Member of the Rajya Sabha as Chairman and four other members to review the performance of the Food Corporation of India.

2. Before the Committee could get its work organised, certain developments calling for a fresh approach and reorientation of priorities have taken place. The country has gone through one of the worst droughts in several major States, and a near crisis situation in the availability and movement of sugar. In addition to the problems of movement, the Food Corporation of India has been called upon to shoulder responsibilities of an unprecedented diversity, scale and dimension. All these have highlighted the need for rethinking on the more fundamental facets of the FCI's charter and functions rather than covering the same ground as had been covered by many internal and inter-departmental committees in the past. On a careful consideration of the various issues involved, the Government have come to the conclusion that it is no longer necessary for the Committee to continue its labours.

**श्री शिव चन्द्र झा (बिहार) :** उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, यह वक्तव्य जो इन्होंने दिया है कि मोरारका कमेटी की कोई जरूरत

नहीं है, परिस्थितियाँ बदल दी गयी हैं, यह हो गया है, वह हो गया है, ये सब बहाने हैं ।

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) :** आप क्या पूछना चाहते हैं ?

**श्री शिव चन्द्र झा :** यह मोटीवेटेड है, मोरारका कमेटी जनता गवर्नमेंट ने बनायी थी इसलिए इसको खत्म करो । इन्होंने कबूल भी किया है कि नयी परिस्थितियाँ आ गयी हैं । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो एफ० सी० आई० में बंगलिग्स हो रही हैं, करप्शन है, जो बातें रोज यहाँ उठती हैं—सबसे ही आप अपने आदमी की अध्यक्षता में बनावें—क्या उनकी जाँच के लिये आप कोई कमेटी बनायेंगे । टर्म्स आफ रेफरेंस आप थोड़ा दूसरे रख सकते हैं, लेकिन यह सब इर्रेलेवेन्ट है, आप यह बताइये कि क्या आप कमेटी बनाने जा रहे हैं । यदि ऐसी कमेटी नहीं बनाते तो स्पष्ट है कि यह विनडिक्टिव एटीट्यूड है, मोटीवेटेड है ।

RAO BIRENDER SINGH: Sir, I have nothing to add. We will take the suggestion into consideration.

**श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही (उत्तर प्रदेश) :** श्रीमन्, एफ० सी० आई० के अन्दर बड़ी बंगलिग है ।

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) :** आप क्या कहना चाहते हैं शार्ट में कहिए ।

**श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही :** मंत्री महोदय ने स्वयं कबूल किया है कि घाटे में चल रहा है । जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है, दुनियाँ के सारे देशों में हैंडलिग चार्ज गल्ले का . . .

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) :** डिस्कशन नहीं होगा, संक्षेप में पूछिये ।

श्री नागेश्वर रसाद शाही : एफ० सी० आई० का हैंडलिंग चार्ज हाईस्ट है इन दि वर्ल्ड । इसलिए मैं जानना चाहता हूँ मंत्री महोदय से कि क्या कोई नयी कमेटी बनायेगे जो एफ सी आई की वर्किंग को एग्जामिन करे और उपमें सुधार ला सके ?

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसो-दिया) : इसका उत्तर दे चुके हैं कि इसके बारे में अधिक कुछ कहना नहीं चाहते ।

The House stands adjourned for lunch till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at fifty-four minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-three minutes past two of the clock. The Vice-Chairman (Shri Arvind Ganesh Kulkarni) in the Chair.

#### RE: NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE OF PRESS COMMISSION

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to raise a point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI): On what?

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Yesterday, the hon. Minister...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI): Just a moment. Let me first see what this problem is.

Yes, Mr. Dhabe.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: On the last day, Sir, the hon. Minister was pleased to make a statement on the enlargement of the terms of reference of the Press Commission, and we are to ask some clarifications or to make some suggestions. Sir, I would like to know at what time it would be taken up.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI): That I do not know. I will enquire and let you know.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: That was to be done today. Will it be taken up after this debate or earlier?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI): That, I will just check up.

#### DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING —contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI): Mr. Kalyan Roy. Not present. Shri A. P. Janardhanam.

SHRI A. P. JANARDHANAM (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, this is a very poor country, and I fear that the colour TV is an ivory elephant for our country. Of course, the idea of providing TV to the rural areas is very much welcome. But, still, I think that the radio should be given precedence over the TV till we attain self-sufficiency. Cheap radios, even at the rate of about Rs. 50, should be the target.

Another thing is that our external services need to be revamped. Externally our policies have to be well broadcast to the neighbouring nations, and to impress upon the world, our achievements and the need for our progress have to be well stressed. Our external services must be strengthened. The need for powerful transmitters has been stressed often by Members here.

Apart from all these things, every Government has the temptation to become self-laudatory. The Goebbelsian propensities may sometimes overtake certain overzealous people. Our Government should clear itself of all such temptations. This morning the Minister ruled out the minutes given to the