

in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose herewith the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1974, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 6th September, 1974.

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India."

(2)

"I am directed to inform Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha at its sitting held on Friday, the 6th September, 1974, has adopted the enclosed motion concurring in the recommendation of Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha do join in the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Prevention of Food Adulteration (Amendment) Bill, 1974. The names of the members nominated by the Lok Sabha to serve on the said Joint Committee are set out in the motion."

MOTION

"That this House do concur in the recommendation of Rajya Sabha that the House do join in the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, made in the motion adopted by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 2nd September, 1974 and communicated to this House on the 2nd September, 1974 and do resolve that the following 40 Members of Lok Sabha be nominated to serve on the said Joint Committee, namely:—

1. Shri Achal Singh
2. Shri Tarodekar Venkatrao Babarao
3. Shri Bhagirath Bhanwar
4. Shri Biren Engti
5. Shri Brijraj Singh
6. Shri V. Shanker Giri
7. Shrimati Marjorie Godfrey
8. Shri Annasaheb Gotkhinde
9. Shri Madhuryya Halder

10. Shri M. M. Joseph
11. Kumari Kamla Kumari
12. Shri Tulsiram Dashrath Kamble
13. Shri M. Kathamuthu
14. Shri A. K. Kisku
15. Shri A. K. Kotrashetti
16. Shrimati T. Lakshmi-kanthamma
17. Shri Lalji Bhai
18. Shri Kumar Majhi
19. Shri Bhagatram Rajaram Manhar
20. Shri Murali Maran
21. Shri Prasannabhai Mehta
22. Shri Mohammad Yusuf
23. Shri Mohan Swarup
24. Shri Muhammed Sheriff
25. Shri Balakrishna Venkanna Naik
26. Shri G. L. Nanda
27. Shri Tarkeshwar Pandey
28. Shri Prabodh Chandra
29. Shri Ram Surat Prasad
30. Shrimati Maya Ray
31. Shri M. Ram Gopal Reddy
32. Shri Ajit Kumar Saha
33. Shri Sangliana
34. Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh
35. Shri Shankar Dayal Singh
36. Shri K. Subravelu
37. Shri R. V. Swaminathan
38. Shri Chandra Bhal Mani Tiwari
39. Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah
40. Dr. Karan Singh."

Sir, I lay a copy of the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1974 on the Table.

REFERENCE TO REDUCTION IN SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO KERALA

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kunjachen.

DR. K. MATHEW / KURIAN (Kerala): On a point of order. Earlier,

[Dr. K. Mathew Kurian]

on several occasions, our party had moved motions, Calling Attention Motions, on the serious question of the food situation in Kerala. You Sir, in your wisdom has allowed a mention. In the last Session of this House, we had moved a Calling Attention Motion on the very serious food situation in Kerala.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him complete.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: I am only making a submission.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why?

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: I will tell you why. In the last Session of this House, we had moved a Calling Attention Motion on the serious food situation in Kerala. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not correct.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Whenever we have moved a Calling Attention Motion, whenever we have raised it, these Ministers have turned a deaf ear.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly resume your seat.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: If the hon. Minister can : . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do not take down anything.

(DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN *continued speaking*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Kunjachen.

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN (Kerala): Mr. Chairman, Sir, at present the people of Kerala are dying due to starvation and the Government says that they are dying due to some other diseases. That is what is being stated by the Government. The Central Government has reduced the monthly quota of ration from 80,000 tonnes to 42,000 tonnes. After our request they have agreed to revise it to 10,000 tonnes more. Consequently the Kerala Gov-

ernment has reduced the ration from six ounces to three ounces. The people of Kerala cannot live by this ration. The Central Government must stop this step-motherly treatment meted out to Kerala. The Minister of Food is against the people of Kerala. He has denied the people of Kerala food on the plea that unless fertiliser is lifted from Ernakulam food will not be sent to Kerala. The Minister is not helping Kerala. He is not sending food to Kerala and the people there are dying of starvation. But he says that the people are dying due to gastro-enteri is and other diseases. The people cannot live with ~~hen's~~ rations. Under the present situation the Minister must come here and say what the Government is going to do to save the people of Kerala. Unless he comes to explain before the House we are going to resort to *dharna*.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Sir, on several occasions we have discussed the food issue before the House. We are not satisfied with the Minister's reply. Nothing has been done. The ration has been cut to three ounces.

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY (West Bengal): Similar situation exists in West Bengal.

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Yes, similar situation existed in Bengal. No assurance has been given. Ration has been cut and the people of Kerala are dying due to starvation. They are on the verge of revolt. Therefore, we from our Party are going to sit in *dharna* in front of you until we get an assurance from the Government that the cut will be restored.

(At this stage, some hon'ble Members sat on the floor of the House near the Chair).

SHRI S. KUMARAN (Kerala): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Kerala is facing a grave and explosive situation...

SHRI VISWANATHA MENON (Kerala): Let Kerala's voice be heard.... (Interruption).

(At this stage the hon'ble Member sat on the floor of the House near the Chair.)

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY: Sir, in West Bengal also the ration has been reduced. In protest against the Government action I also joint the dharna.

(The hon'ble Member sat on the floor of the House near the Chair.)

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Let the Food Minister come here and assure us what he is going to do.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal): Let Mr. Subramaniam come here and give a statement.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA (Orissa): I would like to make a submission. I would appeal to you to direct the Food Minister to come and make a statement in the House, in response to what has been stated by hon'ble Members. Meanwhile I would appeal to hon'ble Members to resume their seat so that the business of the House gets transacted.

SOME HON'BLE MEMBERS: No, no.

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, (Interruption).

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: The Food Minister has yet to know the people of Kerala.

SHRI S. KUMARAN: Sir, I was saying something. Yes, I will say something. Kerala is now facing a grave and explosive food situation. Usually July, August and September are lean months in Kerala. In addition to that the massive floods, incessant rains landslides and the enormous destruction caused by these natural calamities have left a trail of sorrow for the people.

At this critical juncture the Central Government cutting the quota of rice to Kerala is a very cruel step. As a result of this the State Government can distribute only 303 of rice and 1.5 oz. of wheat for an adult per day. Yesterday I received a teleprinter message from the Kerala Food Ministry. Sir, they said the stock position of rice in the FCI godowns in Kerala is very critical. There is at present a stock of only 9,000 tonnes of rice in Kerala and the available stock also is out evenly distributed within the State. For want of stocks in the main depots of the FCI. The average daily arrival has come down to less than 300 tonnes. Unless the Food Corporation of India arranges for movement of special wagons of rice from its depots in Andhra Pradesh and elsewhere, breakdown in the supply of even this meagre quantity of rice cannot be ruled out. In the circumstances, I request the Central Government to make the necessary arrangements for the immediate allotment of 30,000 tonnes of rice in addition to the 45,000 tonnes of rice already allotted during this month, and for a regular allocation of 90,000 tonnes of rice and 45,000 tonnes of wheat to Kerala in order to enable the State Government to maintain the ration. I would like to warn the Government that unless sufficient allotments are made, the people of Kerala will have to rise in revolt against the step-motherly attitude of the Central Government. Sir, every time we raise the Kerala food situation here, the Government of India gives the ready-made reply "We will consider it sympathetically when the time comes." In the circumstances, we have no other way to fight against the policies of the Government. So I also join other Kerala Members in the Dharna, until the Government gives a clear assurance.

SHRI VISWANATHA MENON: Let them forget their party affiliations and let them come here. (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Please resume your seats. The Minister in charge of Food will meet Members of the Rajya Sabha who have raised this question and he will make a statement before the House adjourns to-day. Therefore, I suggest that hon. Members may resume their seats. Let us carry on our business with some dignity.

(At this stage, the hon. Members who had sat on the floor near the Chair went back to their seats.)

श्री राजन रायण : श्रीमन्, हमारा प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है। बहुत ही विनम्रता के साथ मैं व्यवस्था का प्रश्न आपके समक्ष प्रस्तुत करना चाहता हूँ और आपको इस बात के लिए अपने दिल से बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि आपने आज केरल के संबंध में जो व्यवस्था दी, वह आपने बहुत ही अच्छा किया और जो सरकार की शैतानी हरकतें होती हैं उनको प्रचलित नहीं होने दिया। आपने यह काम अच्छा किया कि एग्रीकल्चर मिनिस्टर को इस बात के लिए तैयार किया और आदेश दिया कि आज सदन के उठने से पहले केरल के सम्मानित सदस्यों से मिल कर केरल की खाद्य समस्या के बारे में विचार करें। उसी तरह से मैं चाहूँगा कि आप अपनी उदार दृष्टि और दरिया-दिल हमारे साथ भी रखें। श्रीमन्, मैं चाहूँगा कि आप हमारी वाणी से प्रभावित हों।

आप देखते हैं, बिहार में मंडगई, भ्रष्टाचार, बेरोजगारी, अन्न की कमी के प्रश्न का नेत्र तमाम आंदोलन हो रहा है और श्रीमन्, 5 तारीख को गोली चली, हमारे एक साथी जो कि यहां किसी से कम नहीं है, श्री जगदेव प्रसाद सिंह, को जानबूझ कर गफूर सरकार ने गोली से मरवाया है। वे जनता के माने हुए नेता हैं, पिछड़े वर्ग के लोगों के भी नेता

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please resume your seat?

श्री राजनरायण : श्रीर वे मंत्रः ह
चुके है, हमारी सोशलिस्ट पार्टी का राज्य
शाखा के सेक्रेटरी।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't take down anything.

(SHRI RAJNARAIN continued speaking).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not resuming your seat. You are not hearing me. You must give some opportunity for the Chair to explain. You are not hearing anybody. Therefore, I have asked them not to take down anything.

श्री रबी राय : श्रीमन्, हमारा प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है। राजनरायण जी आपकी अनुमति से एक व्यवस्था के प्रश्न पर बोल रहे थे तो आपने बीच में उनकी टोका कि आप सुन नहीं रहे हैं। ये तो अपने प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर पर बोल रहे हैं। इस तरह के बहुत से प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर पर आप सुनते हैं, फिर इन को क्यों मना करते हैं। मैं आपसे अनुरोध कर रहा हूँ कि आप उनके प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर को सुन लें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will suggest to Mr. Rajnarain to come and meet me separately. I will discuss with him and if he has got any problem I will try to solve it. But this is not the way of doing things.

श्री राजनरायण : श्रीमान, मेरा प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है कि क्या इस सदन में 2 तरीकें अख्तियार हो गए? आप अनुभवों आदमी हैं, बुर्जुआ आदमी हैं, मैं चाहता हूँ सदन में दो स्टैंडर्ड्स न हों। केरल के उन सम्मानित सदस्यों को मैं बधाई देता हूँ कि उन्होंने धरना देकर केरल की खाद्य समस्या पर सरकार का

ध्यान आकर्षित कर दिया, उसी तरह से मैं चाहता हूँ कि इस बिहार में जो गोली चली है 5 तारीख को जिसमें जगदेश प्रसाद जी मारे गए हैं, उस पर भी ध्यान दें और सरकार को आदेश दें। श्री जगदेश प्रसाद को जानबूझ कर मारा गया है। वे वहाँ मंत्री रह चुके हैं, पिछड़े वर्ग के प्रतिनिधि हैं और वहाँ से एक एक्स-टाल्लुकेदार ने पुलिस के मिल कर उनके ऊपर गोली चला दी।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that all? I will look into the matter. Please resume your seat.

REFERENCE TO ACUTE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN VARIOUS STATES

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री (उत्तरप्रदेश): सभापति जी, मैं जिन प्रश्न को उठाने जा रहा हूँ, वह भी लगभग उसी से संबंधित है जो देश की सूखे की स्थिति के बारे में है। आज 7 राज्यों में भयंकर सूखा पड़ रहा है। उन 7 राज्यों के अतिरिक्त भी इस प्रकार के राज्य हैं, जिनमें सूखे की स्थिति है। मैं बिहार की चर्चा नहीं करना चाहता, जिसके बारे में अभी हमारे सहयोगी श्री राजनारायण ने आपके सामने कहा है कि किस तरह वहाँ गोपित दल के एक प्रमुख नेता और भूतपूर्व मंत्री जगदेव प्रसाद सिंह का देहावसान हुआ है, न ही मैं उस चर्चा का विशेष उल्लेख करना चाहता हूँ जो कटक जिले के अन्दर अन्न के अभाव में प्रदर्शन करने वाली जनता के ऊपर गोलियाँ चली हैं। राजस्थान की, जहाँ समस्या की भयंकरता है, उसकी चर्चा अभी हमारे मित...

SHRI PRAHMANANDA PANDA (Orissa): There was only firing in the air.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal): No. It was raised by me and Mr. Sitaram Singh yesterday. Fifteen Congress MPs have issued a statement. It is not a small matter.

श्री रबी राय (उड़ीसा) : फायरिंग हुई, लोग इन्जर्ड हुए।

SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA: Because, the mob was unruly.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : मैं यह समझता था कि श्री ब्रह्मानन्द पण्डा जो इन सदन के माननीय सदस्य हैं, मेरी इस बात से सहानुभूति प्रगट करेंगे कि मैंने उनके राज्य में जो गोली चली है उस घटना का थोड़ा सा उल्लेख किया और वहाँ जो अन्न के अभाव में स्थिति उत्पन्न होती जा रही है उसकी ओर इशारा किया, लेकिन न जाने उन्होंने क्यों मेरी बात में व्यवधान उत्पन्न किया....

श्री ब्रह्म नन्द पण्डा : मैं ने यह नहीं कहा। आपने कहा गोली चली ना मैंने कहा है कि—
There was firing in the air, because the mob was unruly.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: How do you know?

SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA: I know.

श्री रबी राय : गोली चली है, लोग अस्पताल में भरती हुए हैं, उनको मानूम है।

श्री ब्रह्मानन्द पण्डा : तुमको मानूम नहीं है।

श्री रबी राय : "आपको" कहिए। "तुमको" नहीं कहते हैं, अनपार्लियामेंटरी है।