

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is all right.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA. Sir this is preposterous and this is an extraordinary thing. The Government should wait. But they would not wait. On the one hand, Sir, they want us to discuss this and, on the other, they start shooting the workers. I demand, therefore, that till the Parliament discusses this matter, the Ordinance should be kept in abeyance.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes. Dr. Sinha.

REFERENCE TO REPORTED SCARCITY OF EDIBLE SALT IN BIHAR

DR. RAMKRIPAL SINHA (Bihar): Sir, I should like to draw the attention of this House and the Government with regard to the scarcity of edible salt in various States. There is a great shortage of edible salt in Bihar, West Bengal, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal and Purvanchal and that is because of the bungling in the allotment of wagons. (Interruptions.)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bhupesh Gupta, now please sit down. Dr. Sinha has taken the floor.

DR. RAMKRIPAL SINHA: There is a great bungling in the allotment of wagons. Out of a dozen merchants of Bihar dealing in salt, only one merchant could get the sanction for his wagons which moved immediately. Later on, none out of the recommended applicants was allotted wagons. One gentleman was allotted 150 wagons from Rajasthan whose name was not recommended by Bihar Government. There is still one more case. I have received a telegram from Mr. Bhikachand, President of the

Kutch Salt Manufacturers' Association alleging that 84 tonnes of salt is deposited in Gandhidham area and they have made 10 applications to the Railway Board and the Railway Ministry for allotment of wagons, 4600 metre gauge and 6480 broad gauge wagons but they have been denied and this has created a precarious situation and the price of salt has increased to 150 and 200 paise per kilo in the eastern States, particularly in the interior. I would like that an inquiry in this scandle of allotment of wagons to the salt manufacturers from Bihar and Kutch be held and I would also like to lay this telegram on the floor of the House.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no question of laying the telegram. Yes, Mr. Rajnarain.

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं इस सम्बन्ध में आपसे निवेदन करूंगा कि बैंगन के अलाटमेंट के ...

श्री उप-सभापति : आप दूसरी चीज के बारे में बोल रहे थे। इस पर नहीं।

श्री राजनारायण : हमने सोचा था कि इस पर भी हम बोल रहे थे क्योंकि तार तो हम सब लोगों के पास आया है। एक दिन ऐडवाइजरी कमेटी रखवा दें कि बैंगन का अलाटमेंट कैसे होता है। यह कच्छ वाला मामला साफ हो जाएगा ...

श्री उप-सभापति : आप अपनी बात कहिए।

श्री राजनारायण : 12 लाख रुपया प्रति दिन रेल मंत्रालय बना रहा है ...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rajnarain, come to your subject matter.

REFERENCE TO DEMONSTRATION BY TEACHERS

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मेरा सब्जेक्ट तो यह आ रहा है कि इस समय देश