†STRIKE IN BADARPUR THERMAL PLANT

339. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: SHRI SALIL KUMAR GAN-GULY:

## SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER/ सिचाई और विद्युत मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the workers of Badarpur Thermal Plant went on strike in the end of March 1971;
- (b) if so, the main demands of the workers;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to redress the grievances of the workers;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER/ सिवाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL): (a) Some of the employees of one of the contractors, viz., Bharat Industrial Works, went on strike from 16th March to 31st March, 1971. The strike was called off and work resumed on the 1st April, 1971.

- (b) The main demands of these workers related to increase in wages and certain other facilities, including medical and canteen facilities.
- (c) to (d) The workers having been employed by the contractor, the Project authorities have been prevailing upon the contractor to provide all facilities to their workers in accordance with the existing laws in consultation with the Chief Labour Commissioner, Government of India.
  - (e) Does not arise.

12 Noon.

RE REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER HER RETURN FROM CAL-CUTTA ABOUT THE EVACUEES FROM EAST BENGAL

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश): श्रीमन्, मैं एक निवेदन कर रहा हूं कि आप उस समय नहीं थे, डिपुटी चेयरमैन साहब थे, ओम् मेहता जी ने कहा था कि ...

श्री सभापति : यह वक्त नहीं है।

श्री राजनारायण: सुनिए, इससे सम्बन्धित है, उन्हों ने कहा था कि 5 तारीख को प्रधान मन्त्री साहिबा कलकत्ता जा रही है और शरणाथियों की सभी समस्याओं के बारे में जानकारी करके आएंगी। तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं...

श्री सभापति : तो आप जानना चाहते हैं, तो उस वक्त ...

श्री राजनारायण : ... कि क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यहां पर कोई बयान करेंगी ?

श्री सभापति : ... उसको जानना चाहिए, जब आपका नाम आये । मैंने आपका नाम लिख लिया है इस सवाल में ।

श्री राजन।रायण: मैं यह चाहता था कि अगर उनको वयान करना है तो बुलाया जाए ताकि प्राइम मिनिस्टर...

श्री सभापति : नहीं, पहले नहीं पूछा जाएगा, जब तक यह सवाल न हो जाए ।

## CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—

REPORTED LARGE-SCALE OUT-BREAK OF CHOLERA IN THE CAMPS OF REFUGEES FROM BANGLA DESH RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to call the attention of

<sup>†</sup>Transferred from the 28th May, 1971.