

†धर्म तेजा सम्बन्धी कागजात

968. श्री राजनारायण ;

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही :

क्या संसद-कार्य और नौवहन तथा परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि धर्म तेजा सम्बन्धी दस्तावेजों और अन्य कागजों को अधिकारियों द्वारा जलाया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING DHARMA TEJA

968. SHRI RAJNARAIN :

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD
SHAHI :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING
AND TRANSPORT be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that docu-
ments and other papers concerning
Dharma Teja are being burnt by the
officials; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there-
for ?

संसद-कार्य और नौवहन तथा परिवहन
मंत्री (श्री के० रघुरमैया) : (क) जी,
नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-
MENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIP-
PING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K.
RAGHURAMIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Transferred from the 13th August,
1970.

‡[] English translation.

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*]

CALLING ATTENTION TO A
MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE

DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN SEVERAL
PARTS OF THE MYSORE STATE AND
STEPS TAKEN TO ASSIST THE FAMINE-
STRICKEN PEOPLE

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY
(Mysore) : Sir, I beg to call the atten-
tion of the Minister of Food and Agri-
culture to the serious drought conditions
in several parts of Mysore State and
the steps taken to assist the famine-
stricken people.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRI-
CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVE-
LOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION
(SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : Sir,
the responsibility for provision of relief
in areas affected by natural calamities
including drought rests with the State
Governments. The Central Govern-
ment give financial assistance in accord-
ance with an established procedure.
However, keeping in view the impor-
tance of relief operations in the drought
affected areas, the House has been kept
informed of the relief operations in
progress in different States. Honourable
Members will kindly recall that the
drought situation in Mysore and relief
operations undertaken were indicated
inter-alia in the statement laid on the
Table of the House on 28th April,
1970.

Subsequently, there have been rains
in Mysore but the rainfall has been in-
adequate and erratic. This has affected
the crops in 11 districts and the posi-
tion is reported to be particularly diffi-
cult in the districts of Hassan, Bijapur
and Tumkur. The State Government
have informed us that they have re-
leased Rs. 1 crore for relief works; in
which about 40,000 persons are report-
ed to be employed on about 1,170
relief works. Arrangements are also
being made for supply of drinking water
by truck borne tanks in Hassan district.
An emergency feeding programme
covering about 3 lakh beneficiaries in-
cluding children and expectant/nursing
mothers is proposed to be started in