

[Dr. Anup Singh.]

(Baksha is the word for doctor) is the price of rice going to rise, or will it go down?" She was not at all concerned when the Communists are going to take over the whole of Korea. She was not at all aware that there were two sides, with ideological differences, fighting for their gains. Her main concern was how it would affect the price of rice. I am sure this is the attitude of the people all over the country. Vast masses of the people in India are not concerned with ideological differences; and I am sure most of them even do not know that ours is a secular State, and what a secular State stands for. All these things are very important. But, for the average man and woman in India, the basic problem is: "What is going to be done about the price of rice, flour, etc.?" Unless the party in power and the Government take some positive and constructive steps to improve the lot of the average person, what will become of the position of this House? During the elections, the Congress was returned to power with an overwhelming majority. But in some places I found people saying this. This is the last chance we are giving to the Congress. I recall one occasion when one of the Congress volunteers invited the people from the villages to come and vote for the Congress. Almost everyone faced that party flag and went to the polls and voted for the Congress. They said, "We are going to give the Congress one more chance, and if after 5 years we find that nothing has been done, we will come back to you." I submit that regardless of the criticisms that may be showered on the Congress from the other side—some of them may be legitimate and some of them may be propagandist—we here should work individually and all of us collectively.

SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT BIKANER

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we take up the further proceedings, I would like, on my own behalf and on behalf of all the Members of the Council, ir-

respective of their differences, to express our deep sympathy with the victims of the railway disaster near Bikaner and I request you, in token of our sympathy, to stand up for a minute.

(All Members then stood up for a minute)

MOTION OF THANKS ON ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT— (Continued.)

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ KAPOOR
(Nominated):

श्री पृथ्वीराज कपूर (नाम-निर्देशित): माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं जो थोड़ा बहुत कहना चाहता हूँ वह मैं हिन्दी में कहूँगा और बाद में कुछ अंग्रेजी में कहूँगा। मैं चाहता तो यह हूँ कि हिन्दी में ही बोलूँ लेकिन सभापति महोदय जानते हैं और देख चुके हैं कि जिन जिन लोगों ने यहां हिन्दी में भाषण दिये, जैसे कि लीलाजी ने, राष्ट्रकवि दिनकर जी ने, यहां पर कितनी प्यारी बातें कहीं। लेकिन सुनने वालों में से बहुत से सज्जन यूँ मुंह खोले देख रहे थे मानों कुछ न समझ रहे हों। यह बड़े दुःख की बात है लेकिन यह उनका कसूर नहीं है। कई सौ वर्षों की गुलामी की जहैनियत ने हमको मजबूर कर रखा है कि हम अपने देश की भाषा, जो भाषा कि मान ली गई है, उसकी तरफ आकर्षित न हों। सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके जरिये से अपने मित्रों से, जो यहां पर बैठे हैं, उनसे प्रार्थना करना चाहता हूँ कि वे जब भी यहां पर १० मिनट, १५ मिनट या जितनी भी देर के लिये बोलें, कम से कम एक मिनट या दो मिनट के लिये ही सही हिन्दी में अवश्य बोलें। इससे मंत्रों को बोलने की आदत पड़ेगी और राष्ट्रभाषा का भी ज्ञान जल्दी होता जायेगा। एक कहावत इस समय याद आ गई: "क़वा क़त्रा मा शबद दरया" यानी कि कतरे कतरे से दरिया बनता है, एक एक बूंद से तालाब भरे जाते हैं।