

formation of Andhra State, because Swami Sitaram is going on a fast.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : It has not been allowed.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : May I know the reasons ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Secretary will explain them.

SHRI B. GUPTA : I have given notice of another motion for papers regarding the use of Calcutta airport for sending troops to Malaya. The matter is of very great public importance. It is agitating the minds of the people.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It has been disallowed. The Secretary will explain the reasons.

**THE BUDGET (GENERAL), 1952-53—
GENERAL DISCUSSION- {continued-}**

SHRI M. P. N. SINHA (Bihar) : Sir, yesterday I referred to our educational, social and administrative life. I shall now refer to the question of food. As you know, one year before his death, Mahatma Gandhi made some suggestions with regard to it. The food situation was getting serious about that time, and there was a proposal for importing food grains. He said in one of his speeches in Delhi that it was a matter of disgrace for any country to get food grains from a foreign country. In his speech he suggested certain ways of tackling the food situation, to invite the attention of the Government to that speech and suggest that they should take into consideration the points raised therein. He said that minor irrigation was the concern primarily of the State Governments and that the Central Government—I agree entirely with the suggestion—should take up big projects of irrigation through canals and through what is called the grid system. We are thankful to all those countries for giving us grain at the time of our need. But this business cannot go on for ever. This should be discouraged and all money available

should be used according to a systematic plan for the carrying out of irrigation projects in the country. This can be done jointly with the States concerned and also directly by the Government of India, because failure of rain is going to be a constant problem for this country and we must plan on a permanent basis to meet this emergency.

As regards the subsidy, I am also of the opinion—and this is my personal opinion—that this subsidy business also is not very good for all time. In an emergency it may be necessary. Even now, in a district where there is acute distress, the Central Government should give help. But ordinarily this should be discouraged and all the money which is available—and a lot of money should be made available—should be made use of in dealing with the problem permanently.

Then, Sir, I come to production. Our friend Dr. Kumarappa, speaking yesterday, told us about the enthusiasm of the people in China, which perhaps he has visited. He said that the enthusiasm shown by the people there is very great and he was greatly struck by it. And he deplored that the same enthusiasm is not shown by the people here. Why don't the people here show the same enthusiasm ? Because in this country, after five years of the present regime, the common man does not think that the country belongs to him; he thinks that this country belongs in the real sense to the handful of men who are capitalists and in some cases zamindars. Unfortunately or fortunately for us, these zamindars are going away. But a very much bigger and powerful vested interest is being created through the existence, prosperity and agitation of the capitalists. I apologise to my capitalist friends here, but I tell them, they will be nowhere if the country does not support them, and if they do not exist for the benefit of the people. We know the history of India, how she was subjugated by foreigners because the people did not take an interest in what happened in the country. History will repeat itself if the people are not made to take an