

किसानों को इस त्रासदी से बचाने के लिए किसानों को लंबी और आसान किरतों में ऋण उपलब्ध कराने के साथ बैंकों द्वारा किसानों से वसूली जा रही ब्याज-दर में कमी करके इसे न्यूनतम बनाए जाने पर सरकार को प्राथमिकता से विचार करना चाहिए तथा देश के किसानों के व्यापक हित में एक राष्ट्रीय स्तर के किसान कल्याण आयोग का भी मठम किया जाना चाहिए, जो कि निरंतर देश के किसानों के हितों और कल्याण की दिशा में कार्यरत रहे। राष्ट्रीय प्राकृतिक आपदा कोष के तहत राज्यों को दी जाने वाली राशि का उपयोग भी किसी बड़ी प्राकृतिक आपदा त्रासदी के नहीं होने की स्थिति में राज्य के जरूरतमंद किसानों को राहत देने के लिए किया जाये, ऐसी राष्ट्रीय नीति भी बनाये जाने पर सरकार को विचार करना चाहिए। धन्यवाद।

### **Concern over non-allocation of funds towards achieving 'Zero Manual Scavenging' status in the country**

SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY (Karnataka): Sir, by inserting the word 'socialist' in the preamble of the Constitution, the State stands committed to eliminate inequalities in income, status and standards of life. But it has done little to translate this solemn pledge into action. The sense of liberation that Dalits enjoy today has not been brought about by any Governmental edict or statute. Shri Rammohan Roy, Periyar Ramaswamy Naicker, Mahatma Phule and Dr. Ambedkar had set ablaze this process, which, cumulatively, has jolted the dalits out of bondage which they have been suffering for over generations.

Safai Karamcharis, in urban/suburban areas, are still subjected to most inhuman and atrocious treatment by both the State and the society by forcing them to carry human excreta. The Centre's directives to enforce this pledge to States in a time-bound manner are still to be implemented. Though a paltry sum of Rs.30 crores was allocated for the Centrally sponsored low Cost Sanitation Scheme for 2005-06, not a single project has been cleared so far.

I urge upon the Government to initiate action on its pledge to Dalits, especially to attain a 'Zero manual scavenging' status for the entire nation within a definite time-frame.

### **Request to release the people arrested while staging demonstration to improve passenger amenities; and increase frequency of trains in Mumbai Suburbs**

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY (West Bengal): Sir, there has been a long-standing demand to improve passenger amenities in Mumbai suburbs which includes a demand to increase the frequency of trains. According to the railway authorities, in a peak hour, there will be 17 passengers in a