

loans received by private and co-operative mills may be restructured. The banks and financial institutions may be instructed to finalise the debt restructuring package soon. Until steps are finalised to revive the sugar sector, banks and financial institutions may kindly be advised not to take any harsh measures under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code or the SARFAESI Act or refer the cases to the Debt Recovery Tribunals. The Government of India may sanction additional sugar release to mills in Tamil Nadu as a special measure so as to improve the financial liquidity of the mills. Banks may be advised to release loans to farmers for cultivating sugarcane, even if the earlier loans have not been repaid by them. This non-repayment of loans is due to the non-payment of fair and remunerative price dues by the sugar mills. I appeal to the Government to help in reviving Tamil Nadu sugar industry and safeguarding the interest of cane growers in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM (Meghalaya): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Need for implementation of revised wages for tea garden labourers of Assam

SHRI RIPUN BORA (Assam): Sir, I want to raise the most important issue pertaining to the State of Assam. This is regarding the tea garden industry in Assam.

[Shri Ripun Bora]

There are more than 1000 tea gardens in Assam, and nearly 14 lakh tea garden labourers are earning their livelihood from these tea gardens. Sir, you know that during these sky-rocketing prices days, the tea garden labourers are paid only ₹ 160 a day which is a very, very meagre amount when compared to the whole country. Even the States also have their own minimum wages. But, in Assam, in the year 2016, when Congress Government was there, ₹ 351 had been fixed as daily wages for tea garden labourers there, and later on, it was approved by the wage board also. But, subsequently, Sir, in the year 2016, the new Government of BJP came to power in Assam. Now, three years of that Government have passed, but, ₹ 351 as daily wages for the tea garden labourers has not been implemented simply on the ground that the management groups have filed an application to the Government saying that it is not economically feasible. So, the Government is taking the side of the management group and it has not implemented it yet. Sir, earlier also, the Government of India had declared some economic packages, when the tea gardens faced such types of problems. So, my humble submission to the Government is that if the Government of Assam is facing fund crisis, then the Central Government should give a special package to resolve the plight of the tea garden labourers. In today's situation of high prices, it is impossible for them to make both ends meet on a daily wages of ₹ 167. So, my submission is that the Government should accept the proposal of ₹ 351 as daily wages to the tea labourers of Assam.

SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Need to tackle the menace of adulterated milk

श्री हरनाथ सिंह यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय सभापति जी, देश में जहरीले दूध का कारोबार बड़े पैमाने पर चलने के कारण देश के 130 करोड़ नागरिकों के जीवन को भारी खतरा पैदा हो गया है और स्थिति अत्यन्त चिन्तनीय और भयानक हो गई है।

मान्यवर, विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार भारत में दूध में जहरीली मिलावट को यदि कठोरता से नहीं रोका गया, तो वर्ष 2025 तक 87 प्रतिशत लोग कैंसर जैसी गम्भीर बीमारियों से जूझ रहे होंगे।

महोदय, एक सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार 31 मार्च, 2018 तक देश में 14 करोड़ 68 लाख लीटर्स दूध प्रतिदिन उत्पादित होता था और दूध की प्रतिदिन खपत 64 करोड़ लीटर्स से