

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 14th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road,, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Prohibition of processions during the Budget Session of the Assembly.

* 75 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the reasons and circumstances under which the Commissioner of Police has passed a special order under section 41 of the City Police Act to be in force during the Budget Session of the Assembly and prohibiting processions, etc., during the period?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ An order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act prohibiting processions, etc., passed by the Commissioner of Police and applicable to the whole of the City is already in force. The Commissioner of Police had strong reasons to believe that attempts might be made by certain individuals to stage demonstrations in thoroughfares and areas adjoining the Assembly buildings while the Legislature is in session. With a view to maintain public peace which would be endangered by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations of rival enthusiastic sections, the Commissioner made the order under section 41 referred to in the Question. The order helps to protect the decorum and the orderly proceedings of the House from disturbance. No new restrictions were placed on the public; the object of passing a separate order was specially to invite the attention of the public to the necessity for a strict compliance with the order in the areas specified during the session of the Legislative Assembly. I do hope, Sir, that this will not be treated as a party matter but, as a matter in which the entire House is interested. There is plenty of room in the City of Madras for the free and orderly expression of public opinion without making use of the vicinity of the House during its actual sitting.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Sir, in the answer, the Hon. Chief Minister says that the Commissioner of Police had strong reasons to believe that certain individuals would stage demonstrations. May I know who those individuals are? ”

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, I do not wish to go into those details now, but I may draw the attention of the hon. Gentleman to the fact that actually there was a demonstration, in spite of this order, by a certain small group of persons and they had to be taken away.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Sir, may I know whether it is the policy of the Government always to pass such orders first whenever the Assembly meets and whether it is their policy to pass such orders not only here but in Visakhapatnam also, as it has happened yesterday? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I shall allow the first part of the question but not the second part.”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ So far as the first portion of the question, which you were pleased to allow, Sir, is concerned, I may say that I fear it is necessary to pass such orders every time till the House gives me a law on the subject which will prevent the necessity for any special order of this nature.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Besides all the existing Acts, which invest the Government with all kinds of powers, what new law has the Hon. Chief Minister got under contemplation? Let him take the House into confidence in this regard.”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, I can immediately take my Friends on the opposite side into confidence. I do want we should co-operate with one another to produce an atmosphere, helpful to calm deliberation in the House. Just as we have trees, parks and water-ponds around us and facilities in the canteens, we should also have silence and peace around us. I think hon. Members would ultimately agree that in certain roads around this House which is situated in the thick of the City's business centre, we should have a certain degree of order and freedom from noise and disturbance, and I think, it can be produced without interfering in the least with the liberty of association of individuals and groups to express their opinions not only by words but by processions and demonstrations.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Are the Government aware that in all the democratic countries, which they are so very particular to mention in this House so very often, the people have got a particular privilege of coming and expressing their opinions to the House, whenever the House is in session, in certain ways which are open to them? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ As regards the right of demonstrations and processions in the vicinity of legislative Houses and places of residence or offices of public business in the State, there is always a balance between the

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amount of representation which the people get in the Legislature and the amount of demonstration that is allowed. The more we get by way of representation in the Legislature the less the necessity for these demonstrations."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Was this order passed by the Commissioner of Police without the knowledge of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir. The knowledge of the Government is the initiative and the Commissioner's order is the consequence."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is the Hon. Chief Minister aware that it is one of the rights guaranteed in the Constitution to have peaceful demonstrations, wherever they may be, and that an order closing the roads to the public in general is *ultra vires* of the Constitution? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I would like the matter to be tested under the provisions of the Constitution in Courts. But, if the question is a friendly question by way of debate, I may say that every fundamental right has its limitations for the purposes of the good of the State and the orderly transaction of business, especially of legislative and deliberative business."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Are the Government of the confirmed view that we cannot get on with the work of our Assembly without passing such special orders? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the Legislature will give the money necessary for locating this building elsewhere, this order would not be necessary, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know if the Government are prepared to allow peaceful demonstrations, when the Assembly is in session? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already said in my original answer to the primary question that there is plenty of room outside, away from the streets round about this House, for staging peaceful demonstrations. I have absolutely no objection and I am sure the Commissioner of Police will have no objection to any procession anywhere else, but it is only in regard to the physical proximity of the House that I wish the hon. Members opposite should co-operate with me."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Does the Hon. Chief Minister consider that the promulgation of such an order every time there is a Legislative session is productive of the cordial atmosphere which he desires? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If only hon. Members opposite will co-operate with me to a trifling

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degree, there will be no disturbance of the cordial and co-operative atmosphere. It is only the questions that disturb and not the order."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ Does it mean that as long as the Assembly buildings exist here, there will be a necessity for this order, as the Hon. the Chief Minister said just now? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ There is no new point. I have already said enough to explain the position.”

Political prisoners in Salem Jail.

* 76 Q.—SRI K. RAJAGOPAL RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government or the I.G. of Prisons has received any representation from the political prisoners of Salem Jail or from the hon. Members of this House regarding the repatriation of those prisoners to their respective linguistic areas?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Yes, if the hon. member is referring to the prisoners belonging to the Communist Party.”

SRI K. RAJAGOPAL RAO :—“ In view of the fact that the relatives of the prisoners are unable to interview them because of the long distance they have to travel, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of repatriating them to their respective linguistic areas at an early date? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Of course, the Government will consider such representations always.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ As the Communist political prisoners, who are in Salem jail, have already spent a long time both as under-trials and as prisoners, will the Government consider the question of their release from jail? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ A separate question may be put.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ In view of the fact that the representations to the Government were made over three months ago and in view of the fact that the very same representations were made to the Hon. Minister, when he visited the Salem jail about a month and a half ago, if I remember aright, may I know how long the Government are going to take in order to come to a decision on this request? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Not very much, I can assure the hon. Member.”

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SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—“ Are the Government aware that the Superintendent of the Salem Jail has been using before the prisoners, most abusive language like ‘ shut up ’, ‘ bloody fool ’, etc. ? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.”

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—“ Sir, the Hon. Minister answered that the question of repatriation of the prisoners in Salem Jail to Rajahmundry would be considered. But actually a representation was made to the Hon. Minister some time back and may I know what action was taken by the Government on that? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ I have sufficiently explained the matter. I have gone and visited the jail. I said that the Government would take action immediately.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Are the Government aware that in their representations to the Hon. Minister, the prisoners have been alleging quite a lot of misbehaviour by the jail authorities and that the prisoners are not even being given small things like political atlases and slates and pencils for their daily use? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ How does it arise out of this question? ”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ It arises out of the representations that they have made to the Hon. Minister.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The question before the House is about repatriation of certain prisoners in Salem Jail. So, I pass on to the next question.”

II.—POINT OF ORDER *RE* PRESENCE OF POLICEMEN IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

SRI G. SATYANARAYANA :—“ On a point of order Mr. Speaker, Sir, ఆ సెంట్రల్ పూవేళం జన గురూల్రుక్కు సమయంలో ఈ హాల్లో సైబల్ (రాంక C.I.D. వారు ఉండుటకు అవకాశమున్నదా? ”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Sir, his point of order is about the presence of C.I.Ds. (Special Branch Police) in the hall. He requests you to give your ruling as to whether they are allowed to be present in the hall.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ There are none belonging to the Special Branch Police here. They are the policemen placed under the control of the Speaker.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Sir, I must bring it to your notice that of late there are reports in the Press that Special Branch policemen are hovering about not only outside this hall but also inside this hall, either in the visitors' gallery or elsewhere. Will the Hon. Speaker please take note of this? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, I might be permitted to say that, in the first place, if hon. Members so easily

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spot the Special Branch policemen, they are hardly Special Branch policemen. In the second place, I wish to tell hon. Members that the Speaker has made definite rules about these matters and we should obey them. There is no meaning in believing every news paper report."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ The point is whether there is a Special Branch C.I.D. man present in this House and if there is one, I do not want the Hon. Chief Minister to say anything about it. If there is a Special Branch C.I.D. policeman here, you might be pleased to ask him to go out of the hall.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ There are no Special Branch men here. All the policemen here are under my control. They form part and parcel of my staff. Apart from that, I must also tell the House that I have brought a Malayalam Reporter from the Police (C.I.D.) Department. As long as he works here, he should not be considered as a C.I.D. Reporter; he must be considered as a member of my staff.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Sir, I want you to see the difference between the police officers who are under your control and the Special Branch C.I.D. people. The point relates to the Special Branch C.I.D. officers who may be present here, without your knowledge. If there is any such person, you will kindly ask him to go out.”

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MR. SPEAKER :—“ All of them are under my control. If anybody, who is not under my control, is present in this House, I have no objection to ask him to go out. As far as my knowledge goes, all the policemen who are here form part of the staff under my control. Their duties here should not be confused with the duties they are doing outside this House.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ May I know whether the services of not only the ordinary policemen, but also the services of plain-clothed Special Branch C.I.D. officers have been requisitioned for this House? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I requested the Police to send some men to be on our staff as watch and ward in this Assembly and they form part of the staff under me.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ The Hon. Chief Minister said there may be Special Branch officers here and they cannot be recognized and all that. May I know from him through you, Sir, whether he has asked any Special Branch policemen to be present either around this House or inside this hall? I want an answer to the effect ‘ yes ’ or ‘ no ’.”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ I am quite prepared to say ‘ No ’, Sir.”

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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—cont.

Opening of a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi.

* 77 Q.—SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the stage at which the proposal to open a new Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi stands?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments) :—“ The Government are awaiting the report from the Inspector-General of Registration in the matter.”

SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON :—“ May I know whether there was a proposal to open a separate office at Pattambi and a building was also chosen before the general elections? ”

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ Sir, representations were made on the 28th August 1951 by the residents of Pattambi for opening a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi. The present villages are attached to Thirthala. There are 77 villages. Of these the people of 15 villages have to cross the river Ponnani. These villages contribute a registration of 389 documents per year. It was then thought by the Government that in view of the fact that there was one office at Veliyur there was no necessity to open another at Pattambi. But on subsequent representation, the Government agreed that there is necessity and, therefore, the Inspector-General has been asked to investigate. So, the matter is being investigated.”

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ Will the Hon. Minister tell us the prerequisites for opening a Sub-Registrar's Office? ”

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ It depends on the necessity of the villagers and the consent of the villagers roundabout for the opening of new Sub-Registrar's Offices.”

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ In view of the fact that the actual building for the location of the Sub-Registrar's Office was pitched upon during the time of the election, may I know whether the delay in the opening of this Office has any connection with the results of the election in that constituency? ”

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ No, Sir, the Government at one stage thought that it was not necessary to have a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi, but they are now re-considering the matter and the whole situation is being examined.”

SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON :—“ Will the Government take steps to see that the Sub-Registrar's Office is opened at Pattambi as early as possible? ”

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ Of course, I can give the assurance that the matter will engage the urgent attention of the Government.”

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Amount allotted for Community Projects in Palghat.

* 78 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to Community Projects what the amount is that is planned to be spent for the projects in Palghat?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ The estimated expenditure on each project is Rs. 65 lakhs. This amount will be available for Palghat Centre.”

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—“ May I know what is the criterion applied in selecting places to be brought under these Community Projects? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ Sir, I think I have already explained the matter and there will be many more opportunities for explaining the matter. The hon. Member put a question about the money. I have answered it. As for the criterion for selecting the places, it will be a long answer. I think it will come up in the course of the discussion on Demands for Grants.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—“ Out of this Rs. 65 lakhs, may I know the amount provided by this Government, the amount provided by the Central Government and the amount provided by the Americans? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ This question was specifically answered some time ago and I gave the decreasing quantum of amount that will be given by the Centre and the increasing quantum that this Government will have to put in, in the course of the three years. Thereafter it will be entirely our own concern. I will come to anti-Americanism at another time.”

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—“ May I know the amount allotted for the community projects in Malabar? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ The allotment is not by such a division as is suggested by the hon. Member. The allotment is for each centre and the centre is picked up from various parts of the State. So, any notion that there will be a proportional amount for each area and that there will be distribution in those various areas and so on should be kept out of the question. The whole point is the development of the State. For that purpose, various centres have been chosen and among the criteria for choosing a particular centre, the geographical position will also come into account. But, there is no question of proportionally dividing the money among the districts.”

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—“ May I know from the Hon. Chief Minister whether the selection of these centres that has been made is final or whether the Hon. Chief Minister will consider the desirability of changing the centres if it is necessary? ”

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ The selection of centres was made before I came in here, but the selection was not final. The selection can be altered, but in consultation with the Administrator of the Projects in Delhi in the Planning Commission.”

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—“ May I know what are the village industries that will be encouraged under the community projects? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Every village industry that will increase the prosperity of that particular area by local co-operation.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ May I know why the Hon. the Chief Minister considers even a question asking him to divulge the amount of American aid, as anti-Americanism? Is it because American aid is suspect in this country? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ I have already given the figures that are available. So there is no question of secrecy or divulgence. Any further discussion on this subject with the prominent idea in mind, viz., that America is going to exploit this country, I call anti-Americanism.”

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ Is it a fact that these community projects are considered to be pockets of political influence for the ruling party in the villages? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ The villagers do not consider it in that way. But some hon. Members have a bee in their bonnet. It is not so, Sir.”

Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

* 79 Q.—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies that are now working in the State; and

(b) the number and the names of the places where the Societies are functioning in each district?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ (a) The total number as on 30th June 1951 was 16,330. This is the latest information available.

“ (b) The Collection of this information is a laborious task involving much labour and time. When the numbers and names are printed it will run to many pages and the cost of printing would be out of proportion to the resulting usefulness.”

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—“ May I know the total amount that has been given as loan to the agriculturists in the year 1951-52? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ I am afraid I have not got the information with me now.”

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SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ Can the Hon. Minister tell us the number of peasants benefited by the agricultural co-operative societies in East Godavari district? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ Notice Sir.”

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—“ గుంటూరు జిల్లా కోఆపరేటివ్ వ్యాపక సంఘాల్లో పట్ల కోఆపరేటివ్ సొసైటీలకు ఆప్తవివృతం ప్రస్తుతం మాన్ వేసినారనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలియనా? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ నాకు తెలియదు.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ May I know whether the Government will issue instructions to the effect that these credit societies must function in a quicker way and help these poor peasants, especially in the famine-affected areas, where loans will be required by many of them? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ The Government have already issued instructions to that effect, Sir.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ Is this the attitude to be taken by the Government towards the development of co-operation? The Minister just now said that the Government had not even collected the necessary statistics in the matter of the number of co-operative societies that are working in the State.”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ If it is the wish of the House and if you, Sir, give a ruling on this, I have absolutely no objection to supply the information.”

SRI A. VELOO :—“ May I know whether this Government will be pleased to form land colonisation societies? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ A separate question may be put.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Will the Government tell these credit societies that they should also help the poor *rentiers* to enable them to cultivate their small pieces of land? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ These are mainly intended for agriculturists.”

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—“ May I know whether the Government will consider the question of converting these societies into multi-purpose co-operative societies and may I also know how these societies are functioning in places where they are existing? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ We will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I think it is better if the hon. Member sit in the seats allotted to them, as otherwise there will be some difficulty in calling out their names.”

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Number of convicted Communist prisoners in the jails.

* 80 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) the number of convicted prisoners undergoing sentence in the different jails in the State who are classified as Communists;

(b) whether they are treated as political prisoners in the matter of food, dress, interviews, periodicals, etc., and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“(a) There is no classification among convicted prisoners as ‘Communists’ under the rules. About two hundred among convicted prisoners in the jails may be attributed to cases arising out of Communist activities involving crimes of violence to person and property and disposed of under the ordinary Criminal Law.

“(b) & (c) There is no classification as political prisoners but only according to rules provided for all prisoners in view of standards of living to which the prisoners were held to be accustomed.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“May I know, Sir, whether these persons who are called Communist prisoners, 200 of them, are being separated from the other prisoners, and, even though they are not yet considered as political prisoners, whether Government would give them special facilities as are being given to other political prisoners?”

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“Sir, as a matter of fact, they are given special facilities and privileges because they were enjoying these while they were under-trial prisoners. That is why they are being separated and given special facilities like that.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“May I know Sir, in how many enclosures these 200 Communist prisoners are lodged?”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“Sir, a separate question may be put.”

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—“May I know, Sir, what class of offences the Government consider as political?”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“None of the cases arising under the Penal Code are considered as political.”

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“May I know, Sir, how many such prisoners died in jails since their incarceration and the reasons for their death?”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“A separate question may be put.”

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ Sir, it was stated that these people were guilty of violence. Do the Government keep all the people found guilty of violence and murder separately or only a particular class of people who commit violent acts? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ The prisoners are grouped according to the offences committed and accommodated in separate buildings. These people are given a separate building because they are enjoying more amenities than the others.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ In view of the fact that there was a national movement in this country from 1926 onwards which was fighting for classification of political prisoners, and in view of the fact that several people gave up their lives in that fight, will this Government, which consists of members who are supposed to have taken part in the national movement, now consider the desirability of classifying certain prisoners as political prisoners? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Sir, these are prisoners who have committed crimes in respect of life and property of persons in this State.”

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—“ Sir, the Hon. Minister has stated that there is no separate classification. Are Government aware that even the ordinary facilities granted to ordinary criminals are denied to these prisoners on the plea that they are Communists? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ It is not a fact, Sir. I visited Salem jail, I visited Cannanore jail and I know that more amenities are given to them.”

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—“ Is it the policy of the Government that, where politicians are involved in crimes under the Indian Penal Code, they are to be given special facilities? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ No, Sir. These persons were enjoying certain facilities which the Government do not consider taking away now.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Sir, are the Government aware that these so-called prisoners, who are political prisoners and who have been separated from the other criminals, are not given even the facilities that are granted to the ordinary criminals? They are not even given slate and pencil; they are not allowed geography books and such other things. Representations were made to this effect to the Hon. Minister when he visited the jails, before he went to the jails and even after he returned from his visit.”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Sir, I had been to the places. I can assure the hon. Member that all facilities that are given to the other convicts plus some special facilities are afforded to these prisoners.”

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—“ May I know, Sir, what are the special facilities afforded to these people and whether these prisoners are ill-treated and naked searches are made twice or thrice a week? ”

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, hon. Members are confounding two different things. When any prisoner tries to communicate with other prisoners, certain privileges are stopped, but ordinary facilities for reading and writing are not denied to any class of prisoners. But when the slates and pencils are used for inter-communication and infiltration, the prison authorities are entitled to interfere.”

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—“ The Hon. Minister was telling the House that some more amenities were given to the prisoners. Will he be pleased to state what the amenities are? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ If a separate question is put I will be able to furnish the information.”

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—“ అయ్యో, ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారు మనకు జైల్ లో ఉన్న వ్యక్తులకు మనకు కావలసిన ఇన్ఫర్మేషన్ కార్పంచేత మనముఃకే నే, మనగురించి ఇవ్వలసిన తెలియజేసుకొనేందుకు, ఏమైనా గెంజె డికారసు నేలిషయము వ్యాపకమున్నదా? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ వానా జాపక మున్నది.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ Sir, in view of this specific allegation that is made by the Hon. Chief Minister, is he prepared to conduct an open enquiry, with a committee of this House, into these allegations? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ No, Sir; but the Government are enquiring into all the representations that have been made but no committee of the House can be constituted for enquiring into the Jail and Prison affairs which are difficult even as they are.”

Commissioner for Prohibition.

* 81 Q.—**SRI K. KRISHNA RAO** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the name of the officer who is the Commissioner for Prohibition in the State of Madras now;

(b) how long has the present incumbent been in the place; and

(c) whether he has a permit for the consumption and storage for personal consumption of foreign liquor?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—“ (a) Sri V. N. Kudva, I.C.S.

“ (b) From 15th August 1947 onwards (except for 4 months in 1949 when he was on leave).

“ (c) The answer is in the negative. It is unfortunate that this sort of question should have been put without proper enquiry since, to a certain extent, it brings into disrepute a class of Officers.”

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Why are the Government keeping that officer for so long in such a place especially when he is found to be an addict to drink? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I cannot allow the question. The Hon. Minister has already said that such questions should not be put without proper enquiry.”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, already the Minister for Prohibition has deprecated the question being put without having a previous enquiry. A supplementary question is now put to suggest that the officer concerned, whose name has been given, is an addict to drink. I submit this question should not be allowed.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I have already said so.”

Revision of the scales of pay of Assistant Public Prosecutors.

* 82 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether any representation was received from the Assistant Public Prosecutors working in the State for the revision of their pay and allowances and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Representation has been received from the Assistant Public Prosecutors for the increase of their scales of pay and the matter is under the consideration of the Government.”

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—“ May I know, Sir, whether there was revision of scales of pay of the State Public Prosecutors in the City and the Assistant Public Prosecutors? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ In 1947 their scales were revised.”

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—“ What is the present scale of pay of the Public Prosecutors and the State Prosecutors? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ The present pay is this : Grade I—Rs. 200—10—300, Grade II—Rs. 150—5—200.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the status of the Assistant Public Prosecutors is the same, and emoluments and other amenities are the same, as those enjoyed by the Crown Public Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors in the State? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ A separate question may be put, Sir.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ The Hon. Minister was kind enough to tell us that he is considering the revision of the pay scales of the Public Prosecutors. May I know, Sir, if that is also a financial sabotage? ”

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ I do not know under what apprehension the hon. Member is suffering. I can assure him that reasonable consideration will be given to all demands.”

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—“ In view of the fact that Assistant Public Prosecutors (Grade V) are men qualified in law, would the Government see their way to increase the basic pay from Rs. 150 to Rs. 200? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ I already submitted that the question was being considered.”

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—“ Sir, what is the scale of pay of the Assistant Public Prosecutors in the City of Madras? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ A separate question may be put, Sir.”

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—“ Are the Government aware that they are not getting sufficient response from qualified men in view of the fact that they will be paid very low salaries? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Sir, it is not because of low pay but because they have now no opening to go up that the Government are considering that question.”

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, on what principles and conditions the Assistant Public Prosecutors are appointed in this State? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Efficiency, Sir.” (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the Assistant Public prosecutors are recruited by the Madras Public Service Commission and if so, is the principle of communal rotation properly adhered to? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Sir, the Government appoint them.”

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—“ My question has not been answered, Sir.”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ I said, Sir, the Government appoint them. So it is an answer to his question whether they are appointed by the Public Service Commission.”

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—“ I wanted to know whether the ‘ communal rotation ’ was observed.”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ The Communal G.O. does not apply, Sir.”

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—“ The Hon. Minister stated that Government are considering the question of revision of salary of Assistant Public Prosecutors from Rs. 150 to Rs. 200. May I know, Sir, the time limit set for this consideration? ”

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ I said that we are considering their demands. We are addressing the High Court and we will finalise after consultation with it, what their pay should be. I did not state that the Government would fix their pay at any particular figure.”

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—“ Sir, has the Commission set up for the enquiry into the working of the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive recommended the revision of the pay of the Assistant Public Prosecutors? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ A separate question may be put, Sir.”

SRI M. BAPAI AH CHOWDARY :—“ In view of there being no scope for the Assistant Public Prosecutors to go up, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state that they will be considered for promotion to the posts of District Munsifs and Subdivisional Magistrates? ”

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ In 1947 their pay was revised and the Government are considering all aspects of the question now.”

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—“ Sir, have not the wives of the Assistant Public Prosecutors come to the aid of their husbands? ”
(Laughter.)

Application of Rent Reduction Act to Punnavalli inam village.

* 83 Q.—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the rates of which adjacent village or villages were taken into consideration in applying Rent Reduction Act to Punnavalli inam village;

(b) what are the various classes of land rent in Punnavalli village at present; and

(c) whether there was any representation from the ryots that the rents fixed were unfair?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ (a) As there are no ryoti lands in the village the Rent Reduction Act has not been applied to it.

“ (b) The Government have no information.

“ (c) Does not arise.”

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, whether when the Rent Reduction Act was applied to that village, a neighbouring estate village was taken where the rates were very high when compared to the ryotwari village? ”

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ Sir, I said the Rent Reduction Act was not applied because there are no ryoti lands and the whole village consists of home-farm lands.”

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SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the Rent Reduction Act is not being implemented properly in subsequent (darimila) inam villages and under-tenures? ”

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
“ When there is no ryoti land in a village, the Rent Reduction Act cannot be applied.”

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—“ Sir, may I know the category under which the lands in that village come? ”

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ The whole village is an inam village or agrapharamdar inam.”

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—“ If it is a whole inam village, may I know why the Rent Reduction Act will not apply? ” 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ I have repeatedly stated that there is no ryoti land in that village.”

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—“ May I know whether in the subsequent inam villages which form part of the estates, the Rent Reduction Act applies or not? Especially in the subsequent inam villages in Vizianagaram Estate, is the Act being implemented? ”

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ I am afraid the hon. Member is labouring under a misapprehension. In a village where there is no ryoti land, there is no question of the application of the Rent Reduction Act.”

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—“ What is the maximum extent of home-farm lands with the zamindars? ”

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—“ It varies according to the position of the zamindars.”

State-aid given to tanning societies.

* 84 Q.—**SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the amount of state-aid given during 1951-52 to tanning societies—

- (1) under the State Aid to Industries Act;
- (2) from the Harijan Welfare Fund; and
- (3) the number of such societies run by Harijans during the year 1951-52?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ (1) & (2) Nil.

“ (3) Two societies, viz.—

- (i) the Peruru Hides and Leather Manufacturers' Co-operative Society, East Godavari district; and (ii) the Peddapappur Leather Workers' Co-operative Society, Anantapur district, were run by Harijans as well as other Scheduled Castes like Madigas during the year 1951-52.”

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SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether the Government have implemented the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee to set apart 10 lakhs of rupees for co-operative industries including the leather co-operative societies? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ The Government are still considering the question.”

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—“ In view of the fact that many proprietors of tanning works are closing down the tanneries, will the Government take steps to encourage more and more tanning co-operative societies to be opened for the maintenance of labourers that are rendered totally unemployed in this State? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ The Government set apart last year a sum of Rs. 45,000 to be given by way of subsidy to co-operative societies, which were started mainly to encourage cottage industries and this year also the Government have set apart a certain sum to be given to them by way of loan.”

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—“ Have the Government requested either the Registrar of Co-operative Societies or any technical experts to draw up plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee to start leather co-operative societies? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ The Government have already issued instructions to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to start such societies.”

SRI LAKSHMI NARAYANA REDDI :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to give Tangedu bark contract to the Harijan Co-operative Societies without public sale for average cost? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ We have already been giving it, Sir.”

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—“ May I know whether the tanning societies are provided with any aid of technical people? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ Notice.”

SRI P. RANGA REDDI :—“ In view of the fact that there are only two societies in existence now, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state what steps he proposes to take to encourage leather co-operative societies? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ Instructions have been issued, I have already stated, to the Registrar to start more societies of this kind.”

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—“ Will the Government be pleased to recommend to the Central Government the stoppage of export of raw hides to foreign countries? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ I will certainly consider the hon. Member's suggestion.”

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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ As most of the tanneries are being closed down, will the Government extend this help to these labourers who want to start tanneries on a co-operative basis? ”

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—“ Certainly, Sir.”

Revision of the present electoral rolls.

* 85 Q.—**SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government propose to revise or renew the present electoral rolls before the elections to local boards are held?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—“ It is not proposed to revise the State Assembly electoral rolls (relevant portions of which are to be used for Panchayat elections) before the ensuing elections to Panchayats. The question as to when the elections to district boards will be held is still under consideration.”

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—“ Sir, in view of the fact that the present electoral rolls were prepared in 1948 and the revision so far made is inadequate, are the Government aware that many citizens have been left out, including persons who have come of age, that is, who have attained the age of 21? ”

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—“ The Assembly rolls were prepared only recently and the elections to panchayats have already been ordered.”

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—“ జరగజోయే స్థానిక సంస్థల ఎన్నికలు రహస్య వోటింగు పద్ధతిని జనరల్ ఎలక్షన్లనుంటేనే జరుపుకోవాలి. ఇప్పుడు వోటింగు తెలుపువారా ? ”

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—“ Election to class I panchayats will be by secret ballot and election to class II panchayats will be by show of hands, i.e., open voting.”

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—“ Are the Government aware of the statement made by the Law Minister to the Government of India that a detailed revision would also be undertaken in special areas, viz., urban areas and areas where there is floating labour population or where non-rehabilitated displaced persons are concentrated? ”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ With regard to the revision of electoral rolls now, detailed revision has been confined only to 31 urban areas called bigger towns or cities. In the other areas, it is only ordinary revision and not detailed. As far as the revision of rolls is concerned, a question may be addressed to me when I will be able to give detailed answer on this subject.”

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—“ May I know when elections to district boards are due to be held? ”

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—“ The question when elections to district boards are to be conducted is still under consideration.”

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—“ Sir, I move—

‘ That, as Sri K. Brahmananda Reddi, who has not been re-elected to the present Legislative Assembly, has ceased to be a member on the Board of Industries, in accordance with section 3 (1) (b) of the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922 (Act V of 1923), and rule 3 of the rules framed thereunder, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Speaker to elect one person to be the Assembly’s representative on the Board of Industries constituted under the Act.’ ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The question is—

‘ That, as Sri K. Brahmananda Reddi, who has not been re-elected to the present Legislative Assembly, has ceased to be a member on the Board of Industries, in accordance with section 3 (1) (b) of the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922 (Act V of 1923), and rule 3 of the rules framed thereunder, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Speaker to elect one person to be the Assembly’s representative on the Board of Industries constituted under the Act.’ ”

The Motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m., Friday, the 18th July 1952, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Board of Industries should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

“ If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, one, a poll will be taken on a date to be announced in due course.”

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR; 1952-53—cont.

(1) DEMAND VIII—IRRIGATION—cont.

* SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, when we were discussing the question of famine, we had been given to understand that the famine areas would be given preference in the matter of projects over other areas in the State. We expected that the Hon. the Minister for Public Works would include, in his speech, a statement on policy so far as irrigation projects were

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concerned, and we thought that he would say that the famine-affected areas would be given preference over other areas when new projects were taken up, so that famines might not occur year after year again. Unfortunately, Sir, I find, after hearing the statement that he has made, that it is not the case. I find, after going through the several schemes carefully, that the famine areas do not get preference even in the matter of tank repair schemes. The famine areas have not received attention in the proportion in which they should have got. I have got to admonish the Government for their irrigation policy simply because, after so many people had brought to the notice of the Government and after so many Members had brought to the notice of the Government more clearly and more strongly and the Government themselves having had experience of so many years that famines in Rayalaseema were recurring year after year, they have not accorded special treatment to these areas in the matter of rehabilitation and reconstruction. Because, this has not been done, what is the position to-day? We all know and it has been noted in the Hon. the Finance Minister's speech also that we had the biggest famine that we have ever had in Rayalaseema. Though rains have come and people have found some relief probably in respect of drinking water, we have received innumerable reports that the people have no employment and have no food. Of course the Government also would have received reports that the people have nothing to do and to eat. We have seen in the Press that there are innumerable cases of death due to diseases like cholera and others which result from people being emaciated through starvation. In places like Anantapur, Cuddapah and Chittoor, people are not only feeling the pinch of hunger and facing death due to several diseases caused by starvation, but are also threatened with the crisis of having no work to do. Employment is the crying need there. Unless we go to their rescue by starting new works and giving them employment, there may be more deaths. While we have been receiving such reports everyday, the Government say that these are not starvation deaths but deaths due to diseases which people ordinarily suffer from. But the people living in that area and working in that area know what the position exactly is and how it all has come about. Therefore, it is very necessary that the Government should give special preference to this area in the matter of irrigation projects. I am not saying this just for the sake of criticising the Government. Here is a report which has been given to the Famine Commissioner by the people of Kadiri, requesting him to give them work by undertaking the repair of tanks and construction of roads. But nothing has been done so far. They have enumerated in their representation five or six starvation deaths in the village. But yet the Government have not taken a serious view of the situation developing in the famine areas of Rayalaseema and other places. They have not come forward with a good irrigation programme specifying therein that the areas in Rayalaseema will be given preference over other areas and that the works in other areas will be taken up after a period of years.

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(At this stage the Deputy Speaker occupied the Chair.)

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On the other hand, according to the statement given by the Hon. Minister for Public Works the other day, only 187 tanks are repaired in Rayalaseema, whereas the total number of tanks repaired in the whole State is 1,639. That comes to only 11 per cent whereas the number of tanks in Rayalaseema is about 34 per cent of the total number of tanks in the whole State. I, therefore, say that this Government are not taking into consideration the very serious conditions that are existing in this State. They have no policy, and if at all they have any, it is only a bankrupt policy so far as irrigation is concerned. That is why they are not able to see the starvation deaths that are occurring in Rayalaseema. What is happening there is only a portent of the grave things to come. Probably they think that Rayalaseema is a sleeping giant. Rayalaseema is being neglected; it was neglected by the British Government; it was neglected even by the previous Congress Governments. In spite of all the statements that are made in this House, it is being neglected even to-day and the facts as placed before you to-day are more than enough for me to prove this. They are not even giving a thought to give relief and rehabilitation to Rayalaseema and other areas where there has been famine. Whether it be in the matter of famine relief or irrigation works, the Government have not done what they ought to have done. I once told the Government on the floor of this House that the British Government gave much more facilities. In 1942-43, there was famine in Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts and the Government then spent Rs. 1,86,16,490 on famine relief works. On the other hand, what is it that this Government have done when famine is raging almost all over the State? The Government have come forward to say that in 1951-52 they spent or intended to spend Rs. 1,50,00,000 on famine relief works. Hence, we find to-day people in Kadiri, Tadpatri, Chittoor and Cuddapah crying for work and for irrigation works which alone can provide more work in the form of repairing tanks, wells and other small canals. Therefore, Sir, the Government knowing that they are facing one of the gravest crises in history, are not moving in the matter. The sleeping giant will not be always sleeping; the giant will get up and when he gets up, he will not allow this peaceful atmosphere here to continue nor will he allow the people who are happy in those areas to remain so. The people of Rayalaseema are very calm; they don't give trouble to the Government; even when they are dying, they don't raise their voice. The present famine in Rayalaseema is like the one that occurred in Bengal or the one that occurred in Malabar in 1942-43. The people of Rayalaseema are feeling that they are not being looked after properly and that they are not being cared for properly. Otherwise, I would like to ask, why only ten to fourteen thousand people are provided with work. If this is the way in which the Government want to deal with the situation, whether it be in the matter of famine or irrigation or electricity, it is not going to serve any purpose. Hence, I would warn the Government that, unless they boldly face the real

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situation and come forward with relief and rehabilitation measures, they will not be able to solve the problem and they will be in such a crisis that there will not be a stable Government even if they have a majority in this House."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, speaking on Irrigation, I would like to give some suggestions. First of all, it is gratifying to note that in spite of financial difficulties the present Government intend to carry out most of the important schemes started by the previous Government. Sir, it should be a matter for congratulation so far as the previous Government were concerned, that even though they had not succeeded in other fields, they succeeded at least in starting many irrigation schemes. It is mainly due to the efforts of the then Public Works Minister, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, that many of the schemes are nearing completion to-day. I am glad that Tungabhadra and Lower Bhavani projects are nearing completion.

" Sir, when I read the statement of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, who is not here for the moment . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am here to hear you."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" Our resourceful Chief Minister, Rajaji, is willing to hear me, Sir. I will give suggestions, but what is the use of putting forth financial difficulties? I wanted to say this a little later, but now the Hon. Chief Minister is willing to hear me and I will give some suggestions if suggestions are wanted."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I want his suggestions, Sir."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" While I was reading the statement of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works in the newspapers yesterday morning, I found a careful omission of Manimuthar project. When he said that they are going to take up other schemes like Amaravathi, I do not know why there is a careful omission of Manimuthar project. It is a unique scheme."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may correct the hon. Member, Sir. There is no omission; probably it is a mistake. Manimuthar project also is being taken up."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" I am glad the Hon. Minister has corrected me and I hope he will see that Manimuthar is not given up. The Hon. Chief Minister declared at Tirunelveli that Manimuthar project would not only be carried out, but it would not be slowed down also. I may say, in this connexion, that it is an irrigation scheme for which the people have contributed one-fourth of the total cost and some Members

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may be aware of the steps I took in the matter of getting subscription for the loan floated by the previous Government. The people have come forward with their assistance and I hope that this new venture will be repeated in other cases also wherever necessary. For instance in Tiruppattur taluk of Ramanathapuram district, no irrigation scheme has been taken up for the last 40 years. I have been saying on the floor of this House times without number that the area Pudukkottai-Ramanathapuram is being neglected always. I may tell the Hon. Minister that it is wrong to say that no further schemes will be investigated. There is no harm in investigating schemes costing only Rs. 50 lakhs, Rs. 75 lakhs or Rs. 100 lakhs. The Hon. Minister should revise his policy. I want to impress upon him the necessity for these small irrigation schemes. It is not a question of a big scheme for which the State may not have sufficient finances. There is a bridge called Rajaji Bridge on the Paleru river at about 80 miles from Tiruppattur on the road to Tiruchirappalli and the people there want a Rajaji Reservoir also there. The engineers there are telling that there is not enough water for constructing a reservoir. I told them, 'please don't say "No."; please keep quiet for a year or two; rains will come'. The scheme costs only Rs. 1.40 crores and I want to tell the House and the Government that the public there are prepared to contribute Rs. 40 lakhs, about 25 per cent of the total cost. I am prepared to put it through as the Manimuthar Project is put through. Our district has never had the benefit of any irrigation scheme, big or small.

"Sir, in this connexion I wish to say a few words in regard to Krishna-Pennar Project. It is very gratifying to see that the agitation against this project has died down during the last few days. I am glad the Government of Madras as also the Government of India are proceeding with that project. Before the Krishna-Pennar Project is started, I requested that a pilot scheme for the supply of water to the City of Madras may also be taken up.

"Then, Sir, I want to refer to the promises made by the previous Ministers and the Governments on the floor of this House. Mr. Bhaktavatsalam promised times without number that he would take out a canal from the Cauvery from Tiruchirappalli to the South for a distance of about 32 miles which would irrigate nearly 7,000 acres of land. Let this Government fulfil the promise as, I hope, Mr. Bhaktavatsalam would have fulfilled if he had been in office. Sir, I do not want to burden the Hon. Chief Minister with too many suggestions. I would only request him to find money to carry out the schemes that are already on hand, like the Krishna-Pennar Project, Paleru scheme in Ramanathapuram, Amaravathi in Coimbatore and Manimuthar in Tirunelveli district. We hope that during Rajaji's Ministry, within the next five years, it will be possible to complete many of the irrigation schemes, big and small, with the financial help we expect from the Government of India through his good offices."

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* SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER :—“ கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது கனம் மராமத்து மந்திரி அவர்கள் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கும் Irrigation சம்பந்தமான மான்யத்தைப்பற்றி சில வார்த்தைகள் பேச விரும்புகின்றேன். சென்னையிலிருந்து மதுரை வரையிலுள்ள தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களில் ‘minor irrigation’ இருக்கிறதே தவிர, ‘major irrigation’ கிடையாது. எப்பொழுது பார்த்தாலும் ஆந்திராவுட்பற்றியும், தமிழ் நாட்டில் சில இடங்களைப்பற்றியும் இங்கு மெம்பர்கள் பேசுகிறார்களே தவிர, குறிப்பாக 4, 5 தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு வேண்டிய நீர்ப்பாசன வசதிகளைப்பற்றி எவருமே அதிகம் பேசுவது கிடையாது. தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களில் எல்லாம் ‘மைனர் இரிகேஷன்’ சம்பந்தப்பட்ட ஏரி, குளங்கள் தான் இருக்கின்றன. நீர்ப்பாசனத்திற்கு இந்த ஏரிகளை நம்பி வாழும் ஏழை விவசாயிகளும் மத்தியதர விவசாயிகளும் இந்த ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கிறார்கள். ‘மைனர் இரிகேஷனில்’ தான் அதிகமான விவசாயம் நடைபெறுகின்றது. அதைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் கவனம் செலுத்துவது கிடையாது. மேஜர் இரிகேஷனுக்குப் பணம் செலவிடப்போதிலும், உணவு உற்பத்தி குறைவாகத்தான் செய்யப்படுகிறது. ஆகையால் மேஜர் இரிகேஷனுக்குச் செலவிடும் பணத்தைக் குறைத்து, தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மைனர் இரிகேஷனுக்குச் செலவிடவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

“ தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவிற்கு ஒருவிதமான நீர்ப்பாசன வசதியும் செய்து கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. கனம் ஒமந்தூர் ராமசாமி ரெட்டியார் அவர்கள் பிரதமராக இருந்தபோது, திண்டிவனத்திற்கு அருகிலுள்ள கிடங்கல் ஏரியிலிருந்து சொந்த ஊருக்கு ஒரு கால்வாய் வெட்டிக்கொண்டு போயிருக்கிறார்கள். திண்டிவனம் தாலுகாவில் 146 ஏக்கர் நிலங்களுக்கு பாயக்கூடிய யதாக இருந்த பிரக்கிமேடு அணையை உடைத்து, 100 ஏக்கருக்கு குறைவாகவுள்ள தங்களுடைய சொந்த ஊருக்குக் கொண்டுபோயிருக்கிறார்கள். பிரதம மந்திரியாயிருந்த ஒரு செல்வாக்கை உபயோகித்துக்கொண்டு இம்மாதிரி அவர் செய்திருக்கிறார் என்று தெரிகிறது. இது சம்பந்தமாக அரசாங்கம் புனர் விசாரணை செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

“ என்றையானால் என்னும் இடத்திலுள்ள அணையையும் உடைத்து தன் சொந்த கிராமத்திற்குத் தண்ணீரைக் கொண்டு போயிருக்கிறார்கள். அது சம்பந்தமாக என்றையானால் கிராமவாசிகள் சர்க்கார்மீது வழக்கு போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

“ கிருஷ்ண-பெண்ணூர் திட்டத்தின் மூலமாக தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு கொஞ்சம் செளகரியம் ஏற்படுமென்று எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது. ஆனால், அரசாங்கம் அதற்காக பல லக்ஷ ரூபாய் செலவழித்து, பிறகு அதை நிறுத்தி விட்டதாக சொல்லப்படுகிறது. ஆகையால், கிருஷ்ண-பெண்ணூர் திட்டத்தை சீக்கிரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்..

“ தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் சங்கராபரணி என்றொரு ஆறு இருக்கிறது. மழைகாலத்தில்தான் அதில் தண்ணீர் வருமே தவிர, மற்றக் காலங்களில் அதில் தண்ணீர் வருவது கிடையாது. அந்த ஆற்றில் செலலைப்பினை என்ற இடத்தில் ஒரு அணையைக் கட்டுவதற்கு ஒரு திட்டம் போட்டும் ஒரு லக்ஷ ரூபாய் செலவழித்து வீணாக்கிவிட்டார்கள். இத் திட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றினால் திண்டிவனம், செஞ்சி தாலுகாக்களிலுள்ள கிராமங்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி ஏற்படும்.

“ சங்கராபரணி ஆற்றில் கொங்கரப்பட்டு என்ற இடத்தில் ஒரு அணையைக் கட்டி, பெரமண்டூர் வழியாக கிடங்கல் ஏரிக்கு பசனவசதி செய்யவேண்டுமென்று நினைத்து சர்க்கார் பல லக்ஷ ரூபாய்களை செலவழித்து விரயம் செய்து விட்டார்கள். இம்மாதிரி தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள திட்டங்களைப்பற்றியாரும் சிந்திப்பதாகவே தெரியவில்லை. இதுவரையிலும் தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து அரசாங்கத்தில் அங்கம் வகித்து வந்தவர்கள் பணக்காரர்களாகவும், முற்போக்கு இனத்தவர்களாகவும் இருந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால், விவசாயிகளுக்கு வேண்டிய செளகரியங்களைச் செய்து கொடுக்கவில்லை. அதன் காரணமாகத் தான் கடந்த தேர்தலிலே, தென் ஆற்காடு

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ஜில்லாவில் உழைப்பாளிகள் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்த 16, 17 பேர்கள் வந்திருக்கிறார்கள். அரசாங்கம் இந்த பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினருக்கு வேண்டிய வசதிகளைச் செய்து கொடுக்கவில்லை. ஆகையால், சர்க்கார் இதையெல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்து நல்ல முறையில் இந்த மைனர் இரிகேஷனுக்கு அதிகப் பணத்தை ஒதுக்கி செலவிடவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

“அடுத்தபடியாக, Well Subsidy Scheme-இன் கீழ், கிணறுகள் வெட்டுவதற்காகக் கொடுக்கப்படும் கடனுதவி பணக்காரர்களுக்கும் செல்வாக்கு உள்ளவர்களுக்கும் தான் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. திண்டிவனம் தாலுகா சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வரையில், புள்ளி விவரங்களை நான் கொடுக்க முடியும். ஆகையால், அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்து, ஏழை விவசாயிகளுக்கு கிணறு வெட்டுவதற்கான கடனுதவி யறிக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன். ஜாயிண்ட் பட்டாதாரர்களுக்கு அம்மாதிரி கடன் கொடுப்பதில்லை. அயன் பட்டாதாருக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. சிறிய சிறிய விவசாயிகள், ஜாயிண்ட் பட்டாதாரர்கள் தான் அதிகம் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஜாயிண்ட் பட்டாதாரர்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு சலுகைகள் அளிக்கவேண்டுமோ அவ்வளவையும் சர்க்கார் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

“தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களில் பஞ்சம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. இதற்குக் காரணம் நீர்ப்பாசனம் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வரையில் சர்க்கார் எந்த விதமான தீவிர நடவடிக்கையும் எடுக்காமல் இருக்கிறதென்பதை ஆராயப்படுத்த விரும்புகிறேன்.

“நீர்ப்பாசனம் சம்பந்தமாக இரண்டு செக்ஷனாகப் பிரித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதாவது மைனர் இரிகேஷன் என்றும், பப்ளிக் ஓர்க்ஸ் என்றும் இரண்டு விதங்கள். மைனர் இரிகேஷன் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வரையில் அதன் கீழ் அதிக நிலங்கள் சாகுபடி செய்யப்படுகின்றன. ஆனால் அந்த ஏரிகள், 2, 3 மாதங்களுக்கு வேண்டிய தண்ணீரைத் தான் பிடிக்கின்றன. பப்ளிக் ஓர்க்ஸ் டிபார்ட்மென்ட்டின் கீழுள்ள ஏரிகள் 4 மாதத்திற்கு வேண்டிய தண்ணீரைப் பிடிக்கக்கூடியதாக இருக்கின்றன. ஆகையால், மைனர் இரிகேஷன் சம்பந்தப்பட்டவைகளையெல்லாம் எடுத்துப் பப்ளிக் ஓர்க்ஸ் டிபார்ட்மென்ட்டில் சேர்க்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன். மழையை நம்பி வாழும் தமிழ் ஜில்லாக்களில் வெள்ளம் வருகின்ற காலத்தில் 4, 5 மாதங்களுக்கு வேண்டிய தண்ணீரையாவது பிடிக்கும்படியான ஏரிகள் இருக்க வேண்டும். 2, 3 மாதங்களுக்கு வேண்டிய தண்ணீரைப் பிடிக்கும்படியான ஏரிகளினால் ஒருவித விவசாயமும் செய்யமுடியாது என்பதை சொல்லிக் கொள்ளவிரும்புகிறேன்.

“தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லா கலெக்டர் அவர்கள் திண்டிவனம், செஞ்சி, விழுப்புரம் தாலுகாக்களில் 4 கஞ்சித் தொட்டிகளைத் திறந்தும் கூட அவைகளைப் பஞ்சப் பிரதேசமாக பிரகடனம் செய்யாமல் காலதாமதம் செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இது சம்பந்தமாக சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்பவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

“திண்டிவனம் தொகுதியில் முன்னாள் பிரதமராக இருந்த ஸ்ரீமான் ராமசாமி ரெட்டியார் திண்டிவனத்திற்கு குடிதண்ணீர் வசதிக்காக ராஜாங்குளத்திற்கு சர்க்காரிலிருந்து மான்யம் கொடுப்பதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால், இதுவரையிலும் ஒருவித ஏற்பாடும் நடந்ததாகத் தெரியவில்லை. தண்ணீர் இல்லாமல் ஜனங்கள் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். திண்டிவனத்திற்கு 5, 6 மைலில் இருக்கும் ரெட்டையென்னும் இடத்திலிருந்து ஜலத்தை பைப் மூலமாகக் கொண்டு வருவதற்கு முனிசிபாலிட்டியார் ஏற்பாடு செய்து வருகிறார்கள். நமது சர்க்கார் அந்த முனிசிபாலிட்டிக்கு ஏதாவது சலுகை காட்டவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.”

* SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—“ Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, coming as I do from North Arcot, I was really very delighted to hear the Raja Saheb of Chettinad putting forward the case of Palar so effectively and I request the Hon. Minister for Public Works to proceed immediately to implement the schemes, plans and estimates for which have already been finalised.

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“ Some years before, North Arcot was a surplus district. Its surplus was exported not only to neighbouring districts but also to the neighbouring State of Mysore. In and around Mysore there was a heavy market for our produce. As ill-luck would have it, during the last twenty years, the Palar river which has been the main source of irrigation for our district, has been remaining dry throughout. It is because the Mysore Government, the upper riparian owners, have constructed a tank and put up a bund at Bethamangalam. Not only have they impounded the waters of Palar for agricultural and industrial purposes but they have impounded the flood waters also. As a result thereof, not a particle of water is allowed downstream to our parts.

“ In the year 1902, it seems, an agreement was entered into between this State and Mysore whereby the Mysore State solemnly agreed to hold a particular quantity of water for their irrigation and release the rest downstream to the lower riparian owners of North Arcot and Chingleput districts. The Mysore State have infringed the terms of that contract. All the flood waters and the normal supply of Palar have been impounded for their own purpose by their having put up a bund at Bethamangalam. This has resulted in the district of North Arcot being entirely deprived of any source of irrigation. Not only that. The Chingleput district, which has many tanks, has also been affected. As all are aware the Champrambakkam tank of Chingleput used to get 60 per cent of its supply when the Palar was in floods and the surplus water from the tank flowed to the river Courteliyar from where the water poured into the Red Hills, the main source of supply for the entire Madras City.

“ The upper riparian owners, i.e., the Mysore authorities, have raised the level of the bund at Bethamangalam by nine to ten feet, in clear defiance of the solemn contract entered into. By impounding the flood waters also, they are using the surplus water not only for their irrigation but also domestic purposes. They have not stopped with this. Some twenty miles from Bethamangalam (I do not remember the exact name of the place) they have built a tank called ‘Ramasagara tank’ so that the surplus waters from Bethamangalam could be stored up there. The result is, not a particle of water flows downstream and we are consequently having famine. During the last five years, Palar has become completely dry and coupled with the complete failure of rains also, the people of North Arcot have been exposed to the evil of famine.

“ The people of North Arcot were compelled to dig channels in the river bed, i.e., right in the bowels of the Palar river. There was no other source of water to feed their lands. The people were led to the necessity of digging wells to a depth of 100 to 120 feet to get sight of water.

“ Today what is the position? A solemn agreement has been infringed by the neighbouring State. We have not taken sufficient steps to remedy it. A scheme called the ‘Palar scheme’

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costing about 140 lakhs of rupees has been prepared. What is the necessity, I ask, to proceed with that scheme at this time of financial stringency, when by negotiations with the Mysore State the whole matter could be set right and enough water-supply for Palar could be assured?

"The matter should be taken up at the Ministerial level. I am sure that Rajaji, being at the helm of affairs, will be able to bring the negotiations to a successful conclusion. The Mysore Government should be asked to stick to the terms of the original contract, viz., to conserve only a certain portion of the waters of the river Palar for their irrigation and allow the rest downstream for the use of North Arcot and Chingleput districts. If the Mysore Government stick to the original terms of the contract and act accordingly, North Arcot will once again become a surplus district. I do not have any doubt about it. The periodical freshes of Palar would increase the fertility of North Arcot to a very great extent.

"The Hon. the Revenue Minister, Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, comes from North Arcot. He knows our difficulty and while he was a Member of the Legislative Assembly some fifteen years ago, he seems to have taken some interest in the matter. His visits to Mysore two or three times in this connection were not successful. With the Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari as our Chief Minister at the present moment, I am confident that we would be successful, if we negotiate with the Mysore Government, in getting our regular supply by preventing all the waters from being impounded at Bethamangalam and Ramasagara. If the Mysore Government were to agree and act accordingly, there need be no doubt that North Arcot will once again rise to the forefront as a surplus district. We need not waste as much as 140 lakhs of rupees on the 'Palar scheme.'

12 noon. "If that is done, Palar will become a perennial river, and I do not think there will be any necessity to implement this Rs. 140 lakhs scheme at all. When we went to the electorate recently, we appealed to the people to vote for the Congress because of the five-year programme. The Opposition simply put forward a negative programme, but the Congress put forward a positive programme, viz., the five-year plan. We said that North Arcot particularly would certainly benefit by the Krishna-Pennar project, which formed part of the five-year programme. We told the electorate that if that project was pushed through, North Arcot would be benefited to a great extent. North Arcot district is at present a deficit district, but if water is made available as a result of the Krishna-Pennar project, North Arcot will become a surplus district. But now when I see the raging opposition against the five-year plan and the opposition to the Krishna-Pennar project, I have become doubtful whether North Arcot is going to be benefited at all either in the near future or even in the remote future. If, therefore, this Rs. 140 lakhs scheme is not going to be taken up immediately and if the Pennar scheme is not to

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benefit the North Arcot district, I earnestly request the present Government and the Hon. Chief Minister to use all their influence to see that the Mysore State is persuaded to stick to the terms of the agreement entered into and let the surplus water go into the Palar river.

“ There are other minor schemes, Sir, which may also be pressed into service. There is a village called Sathanur in which there is a natural spring channel. If that is renovated at a very small expense, portions of Chengam taluk and also some portions of Cuddalore may be benefited. There is another scheme in regard to a channel called the Nandan channel which, if renovated by putting up a new anicut, would bring under irrigation about 25,000 acres of land. So, all these minor schemes may be considered.

“ There is one small difficulty with regard to the North Arcot agriculturists which I wish to refer to. Well subsidies have been granted to people; but after going to the very bowels of the earth, if people find that they are not able to strike water even at 100 feet, the revenue authorities say that because the digging of the wells has been unsuccessful, the money already given should be given back. Instances where money has actually been spent without water being struck even at 100 feet are very many, and it is really hard to ask the concerned people to pay back the amounts given to them. I request that the Government should give some consideration to this matter and pass orders to the effect that in such cases, the amount should be written off and recoveries need not be made from the ryots.

“ There is another problem for the North Arcot people to be tackled. When, in the course of digging wells, they go down to a depth of 50 or 60 feet, they are confronted with rock, and for blasting the rocky portion, they badly require gunpowder and dynamite, and they experience considerable difficulty in getting these materials for deepening their wells. I am told that at present they have to pay about twenty times the ordinary price if they go to the black market. I suggest that the Collectors of districts should be instructed to provide gun powder and dynamite to the ryots at a cheap cost, in order to help the ryots to blast out rocky soil in the course of digging wells.”

* SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—“ Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I support the cut motion because I feel that the Government are tinkering with the problem of famine in our State. In the Tamil Nad in particular, and in my district of Coimbatore, intense famine conditions are now prevailing. Almost regularly every five years, famine visits our district and causes untold havoc and suffering to the people. It is mostly due to lack of sufficient irrigation facilities. Even though the people take the initiative, the Government do not come to their help. For instance, the people of Dharapuram and Udamalpet taluks collected about Rs. 6 lakhs and approached the Government for constructing a dam across the river Amaravathi which if completed, would bring under irrigation about 25,000 acres of land, in those two taluks, and would help the raising of second crops in the existing paddy fields.

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Even now, if the Government are prepared to help them, the people are willing to give Rs. 1½ lakhs and another Rs. 7½ lakhs next year. But what do the Government do? They keep the scheme in cold storage. Again, there was a proposal some time ago to construct a drainage channel from Nambiyur to Kunnathur on the Bhavanisagar channel. If during the rainy season, water is let into that channel, about 19 big tanks can be filled with water and about 5,000 acres of land can be brought under cultivation and three crops can be raised there—that is in the Erode taluk.

“Again, numerous tanks have been kept for a long time in a ruinous state and no steps have so far been taken by the Government to repair them. For instance, estimates for Rs. 60,000 were prepared for the tank in Chengapalli in Erode taluk; some three years ago, the people submitted a memorandum to the Collector and he came and saw the place; the revenue officials also recommended the scheme and the people were prepared to pay up the amount. In spite of all that, that scheme has not been taken up yet. Then again, if the Upper Bhavani scheme comes into operation, the entire Palladam and Dharapuram taluks can be irrigated and famine in Coimbatore district can be prevented for ever.

“With the completion of the Lower Bhavani scheme, less water will flow from the Bhavani river into the Cauvery; as a consequence, large tracts of land in Tanjore will be affected, as the Leader of the Opposition pointed out the other day. I would suggest that a reservoir be constructed on the border of the Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore districts so that water can be stored during the rainy season and let in regularly in the lean months to irrigate the fields. There are various other schemes to be attended to by the Government in Tamil Nad. But whenever the Government propose to take up any scheme, they should consult the people of the locality and also the supervisors and the subordinates, so that much waste of money at a later stage may be avoided. The five-year plan states that the Madras State Government should spend Rs. 22.68 crores on irrigation and other schemes in 1952-53; but in this Budget we find only a provision of Rs. 15.44 crores and there is thus a cut of 25 per cent. Let me make it clear that we, peasants of Madras State, are not going to tolerate these cuts in expenditure on nation-building schemes. With these words, I thank you, Sir.”

* **JANAB KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE**:—“ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഉപാധ്യക്ഷനെ, ബഡ്ജറ്റിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള കണക്കുകളുടെ ആലോചനയുടെ ഇടയിൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ചില കാര്യങ്ങൾ വായുവാൻ ഞാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. മലബാർ ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ വളരെ അശ്രദ്ധയും അലക്ഷ്യവും അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ജില്ലയാണെന്നുള്ള ആക്ഷേപം പലപ്പോഴും ഗവണ്മെന്റ് കേട്ടിരിക്കും. സർ, ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിച്ച ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികളിൽ—മേജർ പദ്ധതികളാകട്ടെ, മൈൻ പദ്ധതികളാകട്ടെ—അടുത്ത കാലത്തായി കാര്യമായ ഒരു വൻകിട പദ്ധതി എന്നു വിളിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന പദ്ധതി മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിയാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഏതാണ്ട് അതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം പുരോഗതി പ്രാപിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ തന്നെ അതു മന്ദീഭവിച്ചിരിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. ഈ കൊല്ലം-കേരളത്തിൽ മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിയുടെ മന്ദീഭവിച്ചതിൽനിന്നും പ്രവർത്തനം നിലച്ചുപോവുകയും പിന്നെ രണ്ടാമതും ഗവണ്മെന്റ് കാർഡർപ്പുകാരും ഈ പ്രവ

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അന്നു ആരംഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ ഇപ്പോൾ അതു വീണ്ടും മന്ദീഭവിച്ചുകിടക്കുകയാണ്. ഇതുകൊണ്ട് ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലകൾ 1,400 ടൺ കോണസായനം ഉല്പാദിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കഴിവു നഷ്ടപ്പെടുമ്പോഴിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ഈ പദ്ധതി തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ സംഖ്യ വക ഇരുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുവന്നതു സന്തോഷാവഹമാണ്. ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം ഇനിമുഖമെങ്കിലും മന്ദീഭവിച്ചിരിക്കാൻ ഇടവരുത്തരുതെന്നും അതു കഴിയുന്നതോടൊപ്പം പുതിയവകുപ്പുകളെ തുടർച്ചയായി ഉപയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. പലവിധ പദ്ധതികളെ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുമ്പോൾ, മലബാറുകാർ തങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയിലും ജലസേചന പദ്ധതി വിപുലീകരണം സാധിപ്പിക്കണം എന്നു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടപ്പോൾ, പറയാറുള്ളതു മലബാറിൽ വകുപ്പാലുള്ളതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികളുടെ ആവശ്യം ഇല്ലെന്നാണ്. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ഇതുതന്നെല്ല, ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ മലബാറിനോടു കാണിക്കുന്ന അത്രദ്ധക്ഷമം വെക്കുന്ന മറ്റൊരു ഉദാഹരണവും ഉണ്ട്. ഇതിലെ പദ്ധതികളെ സന്ദർശിച്ചപ്പോൾ മനോജിത്ത് ഒരു മന്ത്രി ചെയ്ത പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം മലബാറുകാരുടെ ഉപഭോഗിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി : 'നിങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ irrigation projects വേണം എന്നൊക്കെയുള്ള ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ മലബാറിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റേതല്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് നിവേദകസംഘങ്ങൾ ചെന്ന് മലബാറിൽ മന്ത്രിസഭയോടു ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികൾ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിയെ തപാൽ ചെയ്തേക്കാതിന്നും, നിവേദനം ചെയ്യണം' എന്നു അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞതായി നിന്നപ്പോൾ കണ്ടു. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ഈ അശ്രദ്ധയും അലക്ഷ്യവുമായും ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഇനിയും തീർന്നിട്ടില്ല എന്നു ഈ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് നോക്കിയാൽ കാണാവുന്ന ഒരു സംഗതിയാണ്. മലബാറിന്റേ കാര്യമായ പദ്ധതികൾ ഒന്നും ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. വല്ലതായ സംഖ്യ ചിലവഴിക്കേണ്ടുന്ന പദ്ധതികൾ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിക്കുവാൻ ധനസമിതി അനുമതിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മൈനർ പദ്ധതികൾക്കു കൂടി ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ തിരഞ്ഞുനോക്കിയാൽ വളരെ വിശദമായി കാണുവാൻ കഴിയും. എന്നാലും ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയെപ്പോലെ ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികൾ അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യകതയുള്ള ജില്ലകൾ വളരെ അധികം ഈ സ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. മലബാർ കേരളസാമ്പത്തിക കാര്യത്തിൽ ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റി ജില്ലയുണ്ടെന്നു സംഗതി എല്ലാവരും അറിയും. കേരളസാമ്പത്തിക രൂപീകരിക്കുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ മലബാർ ഒരു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ടാകുന്ന ജില്ലയാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെയിരിക്കെ ഈ ജില്ലയെ ഒരു സ്വയംപര്യാപ്തജില്ലയാക്കുവാൻ വളരെ ജലസേചനപദ്ധതികൾ വിപുലപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതാണ്. മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയുമ്പോൾ ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയിൽ മറ്റുള്ള പദ്ധതികളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയുവാനുണ്ട്. കോഴിക്കോട് പദ്ധതി, വാലയാട്, മറ്റും പദ്ധതികൾ ഇവകളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള അനുമതികൾ പുതിയായിട്ട് കാലം കുറച്ചായി. അതുവേണ്ടുന്നതിനായി മലബാർ പദ്ധതികളുടെ അനുമതികൾ കഴിഞ്ഞതായും പ്രവർത്തനത്തിനുള്ള sanction ലഭിച്ചതായും കേൾക്കുന്നു. പക്ഷെ Funds ന്റെ അഭാവം പറഞ്ഞ് ഇവ നിർത്തിവെച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു മന്ത്രി കഴിഞ്ഞ മന്ത്രിസഭയിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പരിശ്രമമെല്ലാം ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല എന്നു വ്യസനപ്പൂർവ്വം പറയാതെ ഇരിക്കുവാൻ നിർബന്ധമില്ല. അദ്ദേഹം കഴിവിലായ കാര്യങ്ങളെ മുന്നിൽ കൊണ്ടു നോട്ടീസിന്റെ പൊതുവായ നന്മയും ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കും വേണ്ട കാര്യങ്ങളെ മന്ത്രിസഭയെ ഗ്രഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ടാണ് ആങ്ങളുടെ ജില്ലയോടു അത്രദ്ധക്ഷയും അലക്ഷ്യവുമായും കാണിക്കുവാൻ ഇടവന്നതെന്നു പറയുവാൻ അനുമതിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇന്നത്തെ മന്ത്രിസഭയിൽ മലബാറിനെ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന മന്ത്രി ഈ നയം സ്വീകരിക്കാതെ ജില്ലയുടെ പൊതുവായ താല്പര്യങ്ങൾക്കും നിഷാനമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾ മന്ത്രിസഭയുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരികയും അനുഭോഗാത്മക മൈനർമാരായ ആങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ ചെയ്യുന്ന നിവേദനങ്ങൾ അനുസരിച്ചു ജില്ലയുടെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കും കേരളത്തിനും അനുസരിച്ചുള്ള പദ്ധതികൾ മന്ത്രിസഭയെക്കൊണ്ട് സ്വീകരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ തന്റെ സാധിനതാക്കി പ്രയോഗിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണമെന്നു ആൻ പ്രത്യേകമായി അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. മലബാറിൽ മേജർ പദ്ധതികളും മൈനർ പദ്ധതികളുമായി അനുബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള പദ്ധതികൾ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഫണ്ട്സിന്റെ (funds) അഭാവത്തിൽ പ്രവൃത്തി എടുപ്പിക്കാതെ കിടക്കുന്നതെല്ലാം ഇക്കൊല്ലംതന്നെ ഉൾക്കൊള്ളാൻ പ്രവർത്തനം നടത്തി കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ സ്ഥാനത്തു ഒരു മിഷൻ ജില്ലയാക്കി മലബാറിനെ മറ്റൊന്നുമെന്നും ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ജില്ലയിലെ കൃഷിയെ സഹായിക്കുന്നതെന്നും ആൻ അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു."

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* SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGAIAH :—“ Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, famine in Rayalaseema has occurred a second time within the last eight years. There are no major irrigation works there except the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal. What provision is made for Rayalaseema in this Irrigation Demand to avert famine? The Krishna-Pennar project is proposed and some amount is allotted for it. Does this project really help the Rayalaseema people and avert famine conditions there? This will be developed in two stages; it will take 10 or 15 years and cost 130 crores of rupees. In the first stage, one reservoir at Siddeswaram on the Krishna and the other at Somasila on Pennar will be constructed to their full dimensions. Only the west canal will be dug and it will irrigate about 1½ lakh acres in Kurnool and Cuddapah and also supply water to the Gandikota project to irrigate 1½ lakh acres; and then 4 lakhs of acres in Nellore and 12,000 acres in Chittoor will be irrigated and the remaining water will be taken over to Madras, Chingleput and the south. Only in the second stage, 3 lakh acres in Kurnool-Cuddapah will be supplied water through the east channel and 7.74 lakh acres in Nellore and 36,000 acres in Chittoor will be supplied water, and the remaining will go to the south. When the two reservoirs are built to their full capacity in the first stage, why do not the Government give water to the whole area in Rayalaseema before they take water to the south and Madras? So, this scheme is not in the interests of the people of Rayalaseema. The Rayalaseema people oppose it as well as all the Andhra people.

“ If a reservoir in a modified form is built at Siddeswaram on the Krishna, water can be supplied to 7 lakhs of acres in Cuddapah and Kurnool districts and it can feed the Gandikota project also, and the land lost due to submersion will be less.

“ The lands belonging to the taluks of Sattanepalle, Palnad, Guntur, Narasaraopet, Vinukonda and Bapatla in Guntur district, Markapur and Kumbum in Kurnool district and Darsi, Podili, Ongole, Kanigiri, Kandukur, Udayagiri and Atmakur taluks in Nellore district which are also famine areas, can be irrigated under no project, except the Nandikonda project. It is a natural project with bed rock. If this is built, the Somasila reservoir on Pennar under the Krishna-Pennar scheme is unnecessary. The great loss of 69,000 acres of fruit gardens and 36,000 buildings of Rajampet, Siddhout and Badvel taluks in Cuddapah district under submersion in the Pennar reservoir scheme will be averted. The Nandikonda project irrigates 22 lakh acres of first crop lands including those in Nellore and Chittoor districts. These two projects will generate the same amount of power as that of Krishna-Pennar.

“ Why not the Government propose to dig, in the first stage, the Krishna-Pennar east channel in Cuddapah-Kurnool districts and Pennar north and Pennar south channels and supply water to lands under them, which are famine-affected areas? Why should they take water to Chingleput, Madras and the south in

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the first stage itself? Krishna waters must be enjoyed by the Krishna valley people first. This plan is mainly to divert water to the Madras City and the south.

“ In the Krishna-Pennar scheme it is mentioned that it will irrigate 15 lakhs of acres of second crop land, which is an exaggeration. In the Government pamphlet itself it was mentioned. But when the development of the new areas under the river by other States and by Madras, in the full plan, is complete, some reduction may be necessary in bad years.

“ The Krishna water allocated to the share of the Madras State at the Inter-State Conference is 470 T.M.C. ft. and the capacity of the two reservoirs at Siddeswaram and Somasila according to the Krishna-Pennar scheme is 279 and 276 T.M.C. feet, respectively, making a total of 555 T.M.C. feet and no water will be left to build other projects lower down on the Krishna in future.

“ The Siddeswaram reservoir in its modified form will cost 32 crores of rupees, irrigate 7 lakhs of acres in the first crop and 4 lakhs of acres in the second crop and produce food to the extent of 550,000 tons. As regards electricity, it is capable of producing 75,000 K.W. and the total average cost per acre will work 50 Rs. 290. If the Nandikonda project is constructed its cost will be Rs. 65 crores and the area irrigated under first crop will be 22 lakhs of acres and second crop 2 lakhs and the average cost per acre will work to Rs. 280 only.

“ Along with these projects, there is agitation for the Ramapadasagar project on the Godavari and the Pulichintala on the Krishna. But the first preference must be given to Rayalaseema, and Siddeswaram, Gandikota and Nandikonda projects must be constructed first.

“ Most of the lands in Chittoor and Anantapur districts cannot be irrigated under any of these projects. There, the minor irrigation works should be developed. This year, no provision has been made for minor irrigation works in Chittoor district. So, minor irrigation works in these districts must also be given first preference.

“ The Visakhapatnam district is also mainly dependent, on minor irrigation works. It is also a deficit area. There also the minor irrigation works should be taken up.

“ Big islands are formed above the Krishna anicut and the water holding capacity of the reservoir is dwindling year after year. So this must be investigated and proper measures must be taken to increase the capacity of the reservoir.”

*SRI N. RATHINA GOUNDER :—“ கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, திருச்சி ஜில்லாவைச் சேர்ந்த கரூர் தாலுகா, அரவக்குரிச்சி தொகுதியில் நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி இல்லை என்கிற விஷயத்தை இந்தச் சபையில் தெரிவிக்கும் பொருட்டு நான் பேச முன் வந்துள்ளேன்.

“ இது வரையில் இந்தச் சபையில், பல ஜில்லாக்களில் பஞ்சம் வந்து, அதனால் மக்கள் பல கஷ்டங்களுக்கு உட்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று பல மெம்பர்கள் சொல்லிவிட்டார்கள். ஆனால் ராயலசீமாவைப் போன்று, இன்னும்

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சுறவேண்டுமென்றால், அதிகமாகக் கஷ்டப்படுகின்ற திருச்சினுபள்ளி ஜில்லா, கரூர் தாலுகாவைப்பற்றி ஒருவரும் சொல்ல முன்வரவில்லை. ஆனால் அதைப் பற்றி பல இடங்களில் விஸ்தாரமாக தெரிந்திருக்கிறது. அங்குள்ள நிலப் பரப்பை ஒருவரும் புரிந்து கொள்ளவில்லை. அதாவது சமீபத்தில் தமிழ் ஜில்லாவில் கரூர் தாலுகா, சேந்தமங்கலம் கிராமத்தில் நில நடுக்கம் அடிக்கடி ஏற்பட்டு நில அதிர்ச்சியும் ஏற்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அதை கவர்ன்மெண்டார் நிபுணர்களை அங்கே அனுப்பி பார்த்து தெரிந்து கொண்டிருக்கலாம். எனக்குத் தெரிந்த வரையில் அங்கே நீண்டநாட்களாக மழையில்லாத காரணத்தால் அவ்விதம் நில நடுக்கம் ஏற்படுகிறதென்பதை இங்கு தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். அதற்கு ஆவன செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று கவர்ன்மெண்டைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

“மேலும், கரூர் தாலுகாவில், பெரும்பாலும் புஞ்சை நிலப்பரப்பு இருக்கின்றன. அங்கே வடகோடியில் காவேரி ஆறும், மத்தியில் அமராவதியும் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. இன்னும் பல சிறுறுகளும் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. அங்கே நல்ல நிலப்பரப்பாக இடங்களிருப்பதால் அவைகளுக்கு தண்ணீர் பாய்ச்சுவதற்கு ஹேதுவான அணைக்கட்டு இல்லாததால் அந்தப் பிரதேசம் பூராவும் புஞ்சைப் பிரதேசமாக இருந்து வருவது மிகவும் வருந்தத்தக்கது. அந்த இடங்களுக்கு நான் நேரில் சென்று பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். கவர்ன்மெண்டாரும் அங்கே நேரே சென்று பார்த்தால் என்ன செய்ய வேண்டும் என்பது தெரிந்து கொள்ளலாம். அமராவதி நதியில் தாரா புரத்திற்கு சமீபத்தில் ஒரு பெட்ரெகுலேட்டர் கட்டி அமராவதியிலிருந்தும் குடகனூர்வருந்தும் வாய்க்கால்கள் வெட்டி அந்த ஜலத்தைத் திருப்பினால் அந்த நிலங்களை நல்ல சாகுபடி பிரதேசமாக மாற்றலாம். அவ்விதம் செய்து கொடுத்தால் அந்த பிரிக்காக்களை ஒரு நல்ல பிரதேசமாக்க ஹேதுவாக இருக்கும். மேலும் புகளூர் பிரிக்காவில் முதலியார் வாய்க்கால் என்ற ஒரு வாய்க்கால் இருக்கிறது. அந்த வாய்க்காலை மராமத்து செய்து தண்ணீர் விட்டால் அந்தத் தண்ணீரை எடுத்து சாகுபடி செய்யலாம். சாகுபடிக்கு லாயக்காக ஆவன செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று கவர்ன்மெண்டைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“அடுத்தப்படியாக லோயர் பவானி திட்டத்தின்கீழ் தாராபுரம் தாலுகாவில் வெள்ளக்கோவிலுக்கு அடுத்த ஒரு வாய்க்கால் வெட்டப்பட்டு இருக்கிறது. அந்த வாய்க்காலை கரூர் தாலுகா எல்லை வரை வெட்டி அந்தத் தண்ணீரை எடுத்து கரூர் தாலுகா மேல்பகுதிக்கு பாய்ச்சினால் சாகுபடிக்கு லாயக்காக இருக்கும். அமராவதி நதியில் பெரிய தாராபுரத்திற்கு அடுத்த ஒரு அணை கட்டினால் தாராபுரம் தாலுகாவையும் சின்ன தாராபுரம், அரவக்குறிச்சி பிரிக்காவையும் ஒரு நஞ்சை நிலப்பிரதேசமாக்கலாம். குடகநதி, நல்காசி என்ற இரண்டு ஆறுகளிலும் தண்ணீர் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருந்தும் அந்தப் பிரதேசத்தில் ஒரு ஏக்கரா நிலம் கூட சாகுபடி செய்யப்படாமல் அவ்வளவு தண்ணீரும் காவேரியாற்றில் போய் விழுகிறது. அதனால் அந்த இரண்டு ஆறுகளும் ஓடும் பிரதேசங்களுக்கு அந்தத் தண்ணீர் பிரயோசனப்படாமல் தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவிற்கு உபயோகமாகிறது. கரூர் தாலுகாவில் எந்த நிலத்திற்கும் பாய்வதில்லை. ஆகையால் நல்காசி குடகநதி இந்த இரண்டு ஆறுகளில் வரும் தண்ணீரை ஏக்கராக்களுக்கு தண்ணீர் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கலாம். அவ்விதம் செய்து கொடுத்தால் பல பிரதேசங்களை பாசன வசதிக்கு லாயக்குள்ளவைகளாக்கலாம் என்பதை கவர்ன்மெண்டைக்கு தெரியப்படுத்திக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“நில நடுக்கம் ஏற்படுகிற கரூர் தாலுகா அரவக்குறிச்சி பிரிக்காவில் சேந்தமங்கலம், கீழ்ப்பாகத்தில் ரங்கமலை, வெண்டன்மலை என்ற இரண்டு மலைகள் இருக்கின்றன. அவைகளினிடையே ஒரு தேக்கம் தேக்கி தண்ணீரை கட்டி வைத்தால் அங்கு அதிக நிலப்பரப்புள்ள இடங்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி பெய்து கொடுக்க செனகரியமாக இருக்கும். அவ்விதம் நீர் தேக்கம் தேக்கி கைங்கனூர் உள்ள நிலங்களுக்கு பாய்ச்சினால் அதிகமான ஏக்கர் நிலங்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க ஹேதுவாக இருக்கும். அதற்கு ஆவன செய்வது கவர்ன்மெண்டின் கடமை. மேலும் அந்த கரூர் தாலுகாவில் பெரிய பெரிய ஜமீந்தாரர்களும் பெரிய நிலப்பரப்புள்ளவர்களும் இல்லை. அங்குள்ள எல்லோரும் குடியானவர்கள் தான். அவர்களிடம் சிறிய நிலப்பரப்பு

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தானிருக்கிறது. அங்குள்ள மக்கள் பெரிய வீடுகளில் குடியிருக்க லாயக்கில் லாமல் தோட்டங்களிலும், கொட்டகைகளிலும் குடிசைகளிலும் குடியிருந்து கஷ்டப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு ஆவன செய்ய வேண்டியது கவர்ன்மெண்டின் கடமை. அவர்கள் தங்களுடைய கிணறுகளில் சுமார் 20 முழம், 30 முழம் ஆழத்திலிருந்து தண்ணீரை இரைப்பதற்கு முடியவில்லை. அதற்காக மாடுகளை வாங்கி உபயோகிக்க வேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. ஒரு வருஷ ஆரம்பத்தில் மாடுகளை ரூபாய் ஆயிரம், ஐந்தாறு என்று வாங்கினால் பின்னால் அவைகளை விற்கும்போது மிகக் குறைந்த விலையில் விற்று நஷ்டம் அடைய வேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே கிணற்றிலிருந்து தண்ணீரை இரைப்பதற்கு மின்சார வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க வேண்டியது அவசியமாக இருக்கிறது. அவ்விதம் மின்சார வசதி செய்து கொடுத்தால் அவர்களுக்கு விவசாயம் செய்வதற்கு செளகரியமாக இருக்கும். அதற்கு வேண்டிய வசதியை கவர்ன்மெண்டார் செய்து கொடுக்கும்படியாகக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“ஆகவே எங்களுடைய பிரதேசத்தை பஞ்சப் பிரதேசம் என்று சேர்த்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவ்விதம் சேர்த்திருப்பதால் பஞ்சப் பிரதேசத்திற்கு செய்ய வேண்டிய பஞ்ச நிவாரண வேலைகளை உடனடியாகச் செய்ய கவர்ன்மெண்டார் ஆவன செய்ய வேண்டுமென்பதாகக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன். வணக்கம்.”

* JANAB MAHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR:—“Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I take this opportunity, as we are considering the Budget for the year 1952-53, to place before the Government a most important grievance, requiring immediate redress, of the ryots of my constituency of Aranthangi taluk, Tanjore district. Though Aranthangi taluk is situated in the famous delta area of Tanjore district, it is a matter of great regret and deep concern to the ryots of my constituency that only a small portion of the taluk is irrigated with Cauvery-Mettur Project water, leaving a major portion to the tender mercies of monsoons which have failed continuously for a number of years past.

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“At the time of the execution of the Narasinga Cauvery Scheme, representations were made to the authorities concerned as well as to the then Minister for Irrigation and Public Works, Sri Bhakthavatsalam, about the expediency and urgency of extending the said channel to the southern parts of the taluk. They were impressed with the same and ordered the department to take necessary steps such as investigation, survey, etc. But it appears that, for some reason or other, the extension of the scheme is kept in abeyance. Out of three zones, X, Y, Z, contained in the original proposal, only the work in the X zone is completed and the work in the other two zones has not been carried out. The sufferings of the ryots due to lack of rain were so great that, in the year 1949-50, with the permission of the authorities concerned, channels were dug by the ryots at their own cost, connecting the Narasinga Cauvery Channel, and Cauvery Mettur-Project water was supplied temporarily to many of the villagers of the southern parts of the taluk. Even water tax was collected from the ryots for the supply of water, though the channel was dug by the ryots at their own cost. The authorities, I am happy to say, were perfectly satisfied that the levels permitted such a supply through the Narasinga Cauvery channel.

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“ Due to the continuous failure of monsoons for the past many years, the ryots of this area have undergone considerable difficulties. The people feel that the Government have not paid any heed to their grievances in this matter. The soil of Aranthangi taluk is of good quality and has been so certified by the authorities that, with an assured supply of water—not having to depend upon the vagaries of the monsoon—the lands here can be made to grow more paddy in a steady, unfailling and systematic manner, thus augmenting production of food. It is a matter of natural importance that, in any Grow More Food Scheme, priority in the matter of irrigation should be given to such deserving areas like the Aranthangi taluk. This taluk, because of its situation in the delta area and the nature of its soil and from every other point of view, deserves extention of supply of Cauvery-Mettur Project water to its southern parts also.”

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—“ On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member seems to be reading his speech.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—“ He is referring to the notes he is having in his hand.”

* JANAB MAHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—“ By such extension, the Tanjore district in its entirety will become a more surplus district comprising the old Cauvery-fed area and the Cauvery-Mettur Project-fed area.

“ It is a matter worthy of note that the Cauvery Mettur Project has not been fully carried out so as to cover the entire extent of land which was designed to be irrigated by the scheme. So it cannot be overemphasized that immediate priority should be given in the present Budget for providing irrigation facilities to the southern part of the taluk which can be brought under the scheme without much difficulty with regard to levels, cost of excavating channels, etc. So, I request the Government to provide substantial amounts in the Budget and take immediate steps to extend the Narasinga Cauvery channel to the southern part of the taluk. At the same time, I also request the Minister for Irrigation to give instructions to the authorities concerned to supply Cauvery-Mettur Project water to the villages south of Vellar, as before through the Narasinga Cauvery channel.”

* SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the cut motion moved by the hon. Leader of the Opposition. Thinking that the zamindaris would be taken over after the passing of the Madras Estates Abolition Act, the zamindars neglected all repairs and improvements to irrigation sources. After the abolition of the zamindaris, it is very curious to say, the condition of these irrigation sources became worse. During the regime of the zamindars, they used to do all *korambo*, *kudimaramat*, *donemaramat*, etc., at the head of the channels annually and whenever necessary. But after the abolition of zamindaris, the Government are not doing all these repairs, saying that they are not at all responsible under the Irrigation Cess Act for such repairs. Sir, we were made to understand by the various

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estate managers when they took charge of the estates after abolition, that the Government would do all these repairs. The Government must undertake all these repairs, having stepped into the shoes of the zamindars. It is just and equitable also. Why then the Government are not doing these repairs, we are at a loss to understand. For example, the Sayanna Channel in Bobbili Estate used to irrigate about 30,000 acres—both first and second crops—covering 30 villages, before the estate was taken over by the Government and the zamindars used to do repairs in time and whenever necessary. But now the Government have neglected this channel, and have not undertaken any repairs, with the result the ryots of these 30 villages are not able to come together and attend to such repairs in time and there is failure of crops—even the first crop—and much of the lands became almost rainfed, that is *manavari*. The same is the case with the other channels in Bobbili Estate—Paradi channel, Regidi channel, Buttavalli channel, Vavaru channel. The same is also the case with regard to channels in Sripuram, Vizianagaram and Chemudu estates—Kintaki channel, Anakapalli channel and Munagapaka channel. Therefore, the Government should see their way to do *korambo* and *donemaramat* also. Otherwise there will be failure of crops and the ryots will be put to much loss and inconvenience. The river channels of Nagavalli and Vamsadhara are also not properly kept. There were proposals for constructing masonry headworks for these channels but as the Government are contemplating construction of projects to harness the waters of these rivers, perhaps the Government gave up consideration of these proposals. When these projects will be constructed, God alone knows. Pending the execution of these projects, the Government have stopped the construction of masonry headworks, with the result the ryots are put to much trouble and loss. The Government should make arrangements pending survey and settlement for the proper and equitable distribution of water in these channels among the various villages and ayacuts for high level lands and villages at the tail-end of these channels are suffering much for want of sufficient supply of water and at times it won't reach them at all.

“ Sir, irrigation tanks in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts and especially tanks in the zamin and inam Estates were taken over by the Government, are in a state of utter disrepair. There are no masonry sluices for these tanks. Tank beds are much silted. There are no proper masonry surplus weirs or escapes for these tanks. Most of these tank bunds are in an utterly dilapidated condition. In the case of the zamindaris, in most cases, the tank beds are leased and in some cases they are occupied by big and influential people in the villages. In such cases, there is constant trouble between the ayacutdars on the one side, foreshore landowners on the other side, leading to vexatious and costly litigation in some cases. In all such cases, the Government are included as the *pro forma* party and, of course, this involves some expenditure to the Government also. Therefore, I appeal to the Government to put an end to these vexatious and costly litigation by investigation into the matter and, if necessary, taking up repairs to such tanks under the Tank Improvement Act.

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In Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts, we have got many minor irrigation tanks and sources. They are now in a state of utter disrepair. The present staff is not sufficient. The Government should appoint additional staff. During the floods of 1950, the Nagavali and Vamsadhara rivers washed away the banks and the villages too. People of very many villages have applied for embankments, stone rivetments and flood banks for these rivers, for example, Ampili, Allena, Khandyam and Regidi villages for the Nagavali river and Purushotapuram and Koftavalasa villages for the Vamsadhara. As my time is up, I resume my seat."

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* SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the sum under Irrigation is in no way sufficient to develop irrigation facilities or to produce more food to tide over the crisis that we are facing to-day. In our district, we have cultivated not even 39 per cent of the available land. Out of the cultivated land, there are still some thirteen or fourteen lakhs of acres under dry cultivation. There is no proposal with the Government to bring them all under wet cultivation. There is no proposal to construct a project like the Nandikonda project nor to construct minor irrigation projects which can help the ryots to produce more food for our district, that is, Nellore district. My district has been suffering from want of irrigation facilities for a long time. Only five lakhs of acres are under wet cultivation. And they too do not have regular supply of water. Of these five lakhs of acres, only two lakhs are getting water supply from rivers. The remaining three lakhs of acres are dependent on rainfed tanks. All the tanks in Nellore district were dug fifty or even a hundred years ago, and some of them even earlier than that. They are mostly silted up and that is why they are not able to supply water to the fields. These tanks which are rainfed have to be filled with water three or four times in a year, if they are to supply the fields regularly with water. That is why, whenever there is failure of rain, almost all the tanks do not get their requisite water and that is why every year, we hear of the failure of the crops in these villages. It is only ten lakhs of rupees that have been allotted to Nellore district for irrigation purposes. Out of this, 9½ lakhs of rupees are going to be spent on Rallapad project, which is being constructed for the last three years. So, it is only the balance which is going to be utilized for other purposes. Such being the case, I doubt very much whether anything would be available for Atmakur taluk. It looks as if the tanks in this taluk have been forgotten by Government. For the last twenty-five years, not even one tank in this Atmakur taluk has been repaired. In this taluk, we cultivate 30 thousand acres of wet lands. Of these, only 8,000 acres are being irrigated by river. The rest of the lands are under the tanks which are rainfed. They are rendered useless, as the P.W.D. are not doing anything to repair them. There is no supervisor posted to look after the upkeep of these tanks in Atmakur taluk, Nellore district. There has been no provision even to inspect these tanks. When there is no supervisor to report to the P.W.D. about the condition of these tanks, we can imagine in what state these tanks will be. So, for the last five years, there have been no sufficient rains to fill these tanks. The people of

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the taluk made representations to the P.W.D. They made appeals to the Government, but still nothing has been done so far to repair these tanks. Sir, out of the 30,000 acres under wet cultivation in my taluk, only eight thousand acres are under regular wet cultivation; the rest of the lands are all lying waste. If ten lakhs of rupees are spent on the repair of the tanks in my taluk, not only these 30,000 acres will be cultivated, but another ten thousand acres of land could be brought under wet cultivation. And then, this taluk can become a surplus taluk. But our representations to Government have not met with any response. For the last 15 years, the people of Atmakur have been agitating for the widening of the supply channel from Baggeru and construction of a head sluice to the channel. If this is done, something like one thousand acres of land will be irrigated along with the existing cultivation. There is another tank called Anantasagaram tank. There are 3,000 acres cultivated under it. If, for this tank a special supply channel is dug at a cost of Rs. 35,000 from the Pennar, there will be a perennial supply for this tank. This request also has not so far been heeded. In spite of repeated requests by the ryots, Government are not coming forward to do the necessary things in these matters. Whatever the ryots of the taluk may represent, neither the P.W.D. nor the Government respond. They make a show of doing something. I do not know by what term I should call it. They are simply wasting money by spending on useless schemes. They estimate and sanction schemes only to get something from the contractors. I cite here an example to show how the P.W.D. is wasting money. It built a dividing dam across the Saipet tank in Kavali taluk, which was narrow and low. People of these villages protested against this. The P.W.D. did not hear them. Then the dam had to be broken to fill that tank. That is how the P.W.D. wastes money. There is another example. There is the Ramayananda tank in Udayagiri taluk. Under this tank, a hundred acres and odd are cultivated. If only Government improve the tank and allow water below, another five to six hundred acres can be irrigated. For the whole of my taluk, in the present year's budget, only five thousand rupees are allotted. This is not enough, to touch the fringe of the problem, even for this year, nor is it sufficient to repair the tanks in the taluk, let alone new schemes. In the last floods, in May of this year, the river Pennar cut its banks at many a place, and the floods rushed into the fields, specially at Devarayapalli in Atmakur taluk. Three thousand acres are now in a threatened condition. The ryots at Devarayapalli village drew the attention of the officials and that of the Government, to this matter, but for no purpose. Even now the bank has not been repaired. In 1948, there was a flood which breached the bunds and the fields were submerged. The ryots made representations and Rs. 25,000 were sanctioned for repairs, but the work was not executed. Now, in the recent floods, three to four thousands of acres were submerged. I request Government to come forward with a liberal sum at least for the repair of tanks in Atmakur taluk urgently in this year itself."

* SRI T. RAMASWAMI:—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I congratulate the Hon. Minister for Public Works for providing for so many

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irrigation schemes, particularly in this deficit year. Sir, in rising to speak on this occasion, I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the injustice they have done to the upland areas. I come from the upland area of a surplus district. The four taluks of Rajahmundry, Peddapuram, Pithapuram and Tuni are the upland deficit taluks of the surplus district of East Godavari. Sir, some money is spent and some work or other is executed in the delta areas. But the irrigation needs of the upland areas are entirely neglected. To add to it, unfortunately, the majority of the villages in these upland areas are zamindari areas. From 1939 onwards, the zamindars knew full well that in a few years their estates would be taken over and so they refused to repair any irrigation source in their estates. The result is that all the tanks, the feeding channels and other irrigation sources are silted up; and after the taking over of the estates, the Food Production Department is looking after these sources. But what can they do in one or two years? They have done very little in the matter. I understand Government have recently passed orders to stop all new works being taken up with the result that agricultural operations could not be satisfactorily performed. I request Government to look into this matter and see that all repair works are carried out at the earliest possible date. There are three perennial hill streams in our upland areas. The Yelleru is the most important hill stream; it irrigates about 80,000 acres; if a dam is constructed at a suitable place, an additional 20,000 acres could be cultivated and a second crop raised in the existing 80,000 acres of land already under cultivation. The next important stream is the Pampa river which can irrigate 10,000 acres. By constructing a dam across Thandava river, the flooding of the lands in Tuni and a few other places can be prevented. It can irrigate 20,000 acres. I request Government to investigate this scheme, prepare plans and estimates and keep them ready so that the scheme can be taken up for execution when time and money are available. With these words, I support the Demand."

SRI K. VENKATAKURMI NAYUDU:—“అస్యత్, నేను ఈ లోక తీర్మానాన్ని బలపరస్తున్నాను. విశాఖపట్నం, శ్రీకాకుళం జిల్లా ప్రజల తరతరాలుగా కరువు కాటకాల విషకాలిలో ఇరుక్కపోయి ఉన్నారు. శుభి రెండు, మూడు సంవత్సరాలకు కరువువచ్చి అనేకులు ఆకలి బాధకు, అంటు రోగాలకు బలి అవుతున్నారు. ఈ బాధలకు ఏ నాటికైనా అంత్యము ఉన్నదా? అనేక ప్రభుత్వాల వచ్చాయి, పోయాయి. కాని ఇంతవరకు ఏ ప్రభుత్వముకూడా శాశ్వత కరువు నివారణకు అత్యవసరమైన మేజరు, మైనరు ఇరిగేషను ప్రాజెక్టులయందు శ్రద్ధవహించలేదు. ఇక, రాజాజీ ప్రభుత్వము తయారుచేసినటువంటి ఈ బడ్జెటు వెనుకబడ్డ ప్రాంతాలను అభివృద్ధిపరచుటకు ఏమైన తోడ్పడుతుందా; సంవత్సరాలుగా ఎదురుచూస్తున్న లక్షలాది కరువు బాధితులకు సంకల్పి కల్గిస్తుందా అంటే ఇందులోకూడా అటువంటిది ఏమాత్రము కన్పించదు. విద్యుల్లోను, విజ్ఞానంలోను, ఆహార సమృద్ధిలోను—అన్నిటిలోను వెనుకబడియున్న విశాఖపట్నం, శ్రీకాకుళం జిల్లా ప్రజలను ఇంకా హీనస్థితికి తెచ్చుటకు మాత్రమే ఈ బడ్జెటు తోడ్పడుతుంది.

“మా జిల్లాలలో నాగావళి, సువర్ణముఖి, వేదవతి, శారద మొదలగు అనేక నదులున్నప్పటికినీ మా పంట పొలాలకు మాత్రం నీరులేదు. ఈ నదులకు ఏ ఒక్క

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దానిని ప్రాజెక్టులైనందున ఈ నదీ జలమంతా వృధాగా సముద్రంలోనికి పోతున్నది. సంవత్సరాల తరబడి అందోళన జరిగి ప్రభుత్వం పరిశీలనలపై పరిశీలనలు చేసినా నాగావరి, వంశధార ప్రాజెక్టుల గురించి ఇంకా విమి కేటంలేదు. ప్రస్తుతం, ఆ పరిశీలన గూడా ఆవుచేశారు. ఈ బడ్జెటు అంతా వెతకిచూచినా, మా రెండు జిల్లాలలో విదో కళ్లతుడుపుగా sanction చేసిన కొద్ది మొత్తాన్ని మినహాయిస్తే, ప్రజాపయోగకరమైన పంటవంటిది ఒక స్కీముకూడా కనపడదు. ఈ జిల్లాలలో మా రైతాంగంకడ ఎంత శిస్తు వసూలు చేస్తున్నారు, అందులో ఎంత మా ప్రజలసూక్ష్మ ప్రభుత్వము ఖర్చు పెడుతున్నారు అని అడుగుతున్నాను. మా ప్రాంతాలలో ఒక 4, 5 లక్షల ఖర్చుతో అనేక వేల ఎకరాలను సాగులోనికి తెచ్చేటటువంటి చిన్న చిన్న ప్రాజెక్టులు అనేకము లున్నవి. ఇంత కొద్ది డబ్బుతో ఎక్కువ ఉపయోగకరమైన చిన్న చిన్న ప్రాజెక్టులు కట్టి అవకాశాలున్నప్పటికీ ప్రభుత్వమెందుకు వీటిలో ఒకదాన్ని కూడ తీసుకోవడం లేదో ఆర్థికాకుండా ఉన్నది. మా జిల్లాలలో సులభముగా 3, 4 ప్రాజెక్టులు నిర్మించుకోవచ్చును. ఈ విషయంలో మా ప్రజలు ప్రభుత్వానికి ఎంత మొర బెట్టుకొన్నప్పటికీ, వారి గొడవను ప్రభుత్వం వివరించలేదు, ఒకవేళ విన్నప్పటికిని ఖాతరు చేయడంలేదు. ఈ విధమైన ప్రభుత్వ వైఖరికి ప్రజలు ఎన్నడూ సహించలేరని చెప్పుచున్నాను. పోనీ పెద్దపెద్ద స్కీముల మాట అటుంచి, చిన్న చిన్న మైనరు ఇరిగేషను పనులసూక్ష్మ ప్రభుత్వ వైఖరి ఎలా ఉన్నదో చూస్తామంటే, లోగడ కాస్తా, కూస్తా మా చెరువు, కాలవ కరువుతులు చేస్తూ ఉండిపోతుంటే Food Production Department ను ఈనాడు ఎత్తివేస్తున్నారు. అంటేగాను, ఇదివరకే ప్రారంభించిన స్కీములనుగూడ కొన్నిటిని ఆకిస్తావుగా ఆవుచేశారు. కేవలము వనమపెూత్సవాలతో కరువు కాటకాలను బావగలమనే విశ్వాసముతో ఉన్నారు. కాని, ఈ కరువు కాటకాలకు ప్రధాన కారణమైనటువంటి జలాధారాల కరువుతు సాగించకుండా ఎన్ని వందల వనమపెూత్సవాలు జరిపినా నిష్పయోజనమని చెప్పుచున్నాను. మన అసెంబ్లీ హాలు చుట్టువేసే మొక్కలతో కరువు తగ్గుతుండా అని ప్రభుత్వాన్ని అడుగుతున్నాను.

“ఇక జమీందారీ ప్రాంతాలలోని జలాధారముల విషయం వేరే చెప్పవలసరంలేదు. 1 p.m.

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గాన్ని రాడీ మూకల సాయంతో యినాందార్లు ఘాములనుండి వెళ్లగొట్టుకొన్నారు. శతాబ్దాలుగా అనుభవిస్తున్న ఘామిని పోగొట్టుకొనే దౌర్భాగ్య స్థితినుండి రైతును రక్షించుటకు ప్రభుత్వమేమైనా ప్రయత్నిస్తున్నదా అని అడుగుతున్నాను. రక్షణ ఇవ్వకపోయిన మాట అటుంచి, పోలీసులుకూడా ఇనాందార్ల కతుం వహించి రైతుల్ని ఘాములనుండి వెళ్లగొట్టడంలో పూర్తి సహాయం చేస్తున్నారని ఉదాహరణకు పాతపట్నం తాలూకాలో హీరమండలంవద్దనున్న చికోరాడ గ్రామంలో పోలీసులు, యినాందార్లు, వారి హంగుదార్లగా బయల్దేరిన రాడీ మూకలతో సహా ఆ గ్రామం వెళ్లి రైతులపై కాల్పులు సాగించారు. అనేకమంది రైతులు గాయపడి ప్రమాదావస్థలోనున్నారని తెలుస్తున్నది. రైతులపై ఆమితమైన ప్రేమగలదనే ప్రభుత్వం ఇట్టి కర్మలు జరుగుతుంటే, రైతుల ప్రాణాలకు భంగం కల్పితావుంటే, ఎట్లు ఊరక చూడ గలుగుతుండో తెలియడంలేదు. కాబట్టి ఈ విధంగా దున్నే వానికే ఘామి లభింప చేయవంతకాలం ఇట్టి ఆరాజకం సాగుచూసే ఉండుంది. ఈ ఆరాజకానికి కాంకు తెవరు, పృజిలా, యినాందార్లు, ఘాస్వాములా లేక వారికి ఉద్దతుగా నిలబడే ప్రభుత్వమా అని అడిగితే, ఎంత మాత్రము పృజిలకారని అందరు అంగీకరిస్తారు.

“అధ్యక్ష, కాబట్టి ఈ బడ్జెటులో నెనకబడ్డ విశాఖపట్నం, శ్రీకాకుళం జిల్లా లో ఒక ప్రాజెక్టుకూడా తీసికో ఈ పృజిల శ్రేయస్సు గురించకపోవడం చాలా దురన్యాయం. ఈ విధానం మూలకంగా విశాఖపట్నం, శ్రీకాకుళం జిల్లాలలో మరొక రాయలసీమ సృష్టించబడితే దానికి బాధ్యత ఈ రాజాజీ ప్రభుత్వమే తీసుకొని పృజిలకు సమాధానం చెప్పవలసియుండుంది.

“అందువల్ల ఈ కోత తీర్చానాన్ని అంతా బలపరుస్తారని నమ్ముతున్నాను.”

* SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL:—“Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I listened with great interest on the 12th July 1952 to the speech of the Hon. Minister for Public Works, as he was developing and unfolding the several irrigation schemes in this State of Madras. As usual, South Kanara was not in the picture at all. Figures were given by the Hon. Minister showing the number of schemes which were executed or under execution in the Malabar and South Kanara districts together. It is not fair, because South Kanara has got its own problems and the Hon. Minister ought not to have clubbed South Kanara with Malabar. In this connection, Mr. Deputy Speaker, if there is one district in this State which has been consistently neglected, it is South Kanara. Sir, whenever we ask for irrigation facilities we are turned away with the words: ‘You are having a rainfall of 150 inches and why do you want irrigation facilities?’ Minister after Minister—both the Finance Minister and the Public Works Minister—has visited my district and we have given them such fine reception expecting something in return. Most probably they have not looked into or cared to read our addresses. Most of the 159 inches of rainfall that we are getting in the South Kanara district, is wasted by its running into the sea. We are getting most of the rain during the South-West Monsoon period—from June to September—and as there is no device to impound and conserve this rain water, our rivers and innumerable streams without any bridges overflow their banks very often and cause, devastating floods and consequently destroy our first crop. Then, Sir, from November to May, our district is practically rainless. Consequently, in one part of the year the

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district is deluged with rain, while in the other part there is hardly any water available for agricultural operations. Therefore, Sir, we find that on account of the absence of irrigation facilities our district becomes absolutely dry after the month of November in spite of the heavy rainfall. Therefore we are not able to raise both second and third crops except in a few places by using lift methods, which are very primitive in nature. Further, our rivers are inundated with sea water between November and May, which again hamper our agricultural operations. So, it comes to this 'Water, water everywhere, but not a drop for irrigation.' Sir, despite the fact that we have man-power, land and water, which we are told constitute the basic wealth of a country, we are very poor because none of these resources have been properly harnessed or exploited in an organized manner. If these resources are rationally developed by the application of up-to-date scientific methods, our district which is a deficit one will become a surplus one. Further, by undertaking these development schemes, I am sure, we can solve three other problems which are facing my district, namely, unemployment, food shortage and flood havoc. Somehow or other, our Madras Government have not so far chosen to use either our man-power or our land or our water. Our men go either to the Mysore or Bombay State and consequently our lands are lying fallow and our rain water goes to the Arabian Sea! I, therefore, submit, Sir, that this Government will be well advised to take immediate steps to start both minor and major irrigation works in my district which will raise the standard of life of the people there. I suggest to the Government to go in for storage schemes, that is, impounding portions of the rain water which now runs to waste during the rainy season and using it for power generation as well as for irrigation purposes during the drier parts of the year. Topographically, as it is bounded on one side by the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea on the other, my district is ideally suitable for these schemes. Of course, storage schemes may appear costly but as they are multi-purpose schemes they would be cheaper in the long run. If it is not possible for the Government to take up these schemes in the near future, I submit, Sir, that at least minor irrigation works may be ordered to be taken up immediately. Only by minor irrigation works, like bunded dams across the several streams and repairing the 'Madagas' as the big tanks are called in Kananda, more food can be grown in South Kanara. If these schemes are taken up, they may not cost more than 50 lakhs of rupees, roughly about a year's revenue of my district.

"In this connection, Sir, I submit there is already a small Minor Irrigation staff working in my district for the last two years directly under the Collector. I am told, Sir, that an order has been issued from Madras that this staff should not take up any minor irrigation works, stop investigation into any scheme and should not touch such of the works over which we have wasted so much money on investigation and estimating. I, therefore, submit, Sir, that, if the Government cannot undertake any of these major schemes, they may at least be pleased to see that the Minor Irrigation staff that works in South Kanara is allowed to continue

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to take up some of these minor irrigation works which may help the poor ryots there to raise a second crop which is a necessity for most of our people.

“ Under major irrigation schemes, I submit, Sir, that the Engineers have been working for the last one year and they have investigated many schemes like Haledi, Bijur and Sabaritheertha schemes but, somehow, after the advent of this Government, I am told, that they have been asked to stop the investigation of these major schemes and this, Sir, I should say, is the most unkindest cut of all!

“ So, I submit to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works that he should at least allot sixty lakhs of rupees for my district from out of the lump-sum grant which he has asked for Minor Irrigation Schemes.”

* SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—“ Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I congratulate and thank this Government and the previous Governments for any good that has been done to the public in general. But, while talking about the ignored districts of Rayalaseema and the more ignored district of Cuddapah and that portion of Cuddapah which is my own part, I have to say that much remains to be done still.

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“ Sir, I am unable to agree with what the Hon. Minister for Public Works said the other day that there was no use of spending time, energy and money in preparing estimates and plans for new schemes when there was no money on hand to execute those schemes. When we have money, we will not be able to execute new schemes immediately unless we have plans and estimates for those schemes readily available. I, therefore, consider that it would be better to have plans and estimates of new schemes prepared even now. The whole State may be surveyed and an estimate of what is necessary for each place may be kept ready. Secondly, I suggest that Government may take up such of those schemes for which people are willing to contribute money by way of loans. Thirdly, Government can execute some of the important projects by getting loans from the Union Government.

“ Coming to my district of Cuddapah, there is the Gandikota project, for which plans and estimates are ready. During the British regime, many projects in the Northern Circars and in the South were completed but this project was not even thought of. We are not aware of any reasons as to why this scheme was not taken into consideration at all in the past. Now, Sir, in Anantapur district, the Upper Pennar project and the Mid-Pennar Project are being taken up for the benefit of the people of that district. Though most of the River Pennar is in Cuddapah district, the people of that district are not given the benefit of that water. The district of Cuddapah will be benefited only when the Krishna project or Nandikonda project, whichever it is, is taken up and water let into the Pennar river through the Kundu river. The Gandikota Project must be taken up and completed very soon and two channels, one from Mydukur and the other from Cuddapah, must be dug to irrigate the lands in Badvel and Siddhout taluks.

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The taluk of Siddhout should not be allowed to be submerged by having a dam at Somasila. It is better to feed a cow and milk it than to kill it and eat it. It is not good to submerge the whole of Siddhout taluk, about 40 villages in Rajampet taluk and seven villages of Badvel taluk. All these villages, even now, contain fertile lands, and millets are grown. Millets, onions, sugarcane, citrus gardens, etc., are cultivated in these parts.

“Then there is the Upper Sagileru Project. I suggest that it may be strengthened and its supply channel widened. As regards the Lower Sagileru Project, the Chief Engineer has already inspected the site and approved the plans and estimates amounting to 48 lakhs of rupees for the project and two lakhs of rupees towards the expenditure on establishment. Sir, the Government have spent a sum of six and a half lakhs of rupees for constructing a project which would irrigate only 550 acres of land in Kurnool district. I wonder why the Government have not taken up this Lower Sagileru Project which is to irrigate ten thousand acres. I ask the Government to take up this scheme immediately and complete it soon.

“Again I submit, Sir, that by constructing a dam across Pennar at Somasila about one and a quarter lakhs of acres of land should not be allowed to be submerged. Two channels, one to irrigate Badvel taluk and the other to irrigate Siddhout taluk, should be dug from Mydukur and Cuddapah, respectively. Though the best part of the river Pennar is flowing in Cuddapah district, the people of that district are not benefited by it, while the people lower down in Nellore district are greatly benefited by it.

“Sir, I would like to say a few words about the dishonesty prevailing in the Public Works Department. It was said by some speakers that this is a Public Waste Department and a ‘Percentage Department.’ I must say that the Public Works Department has also done good to the people and that there is no use in passing such sweeping remarks against the department. In that department, there are some honest officers too, but they have not been given promotions in the department because they have not been able to give supplies freely to their superior officers. As a result of the very many irrigation projects executed by the Public Works Department, the people have been greatly benefited.”

SRI R. S. ARUMUGHAM :—“கனம் உப சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மாமத்து மந்திரி அவர்களால் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் இந்த நீர்ப்பாசன மான்யக் கோரிக்கையை நான் ஆதரிக்கின்றேன். நாடு செழிக்க நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெருக வேண்டும். அது காரணமாகத்தான் ஒளவையார் ‘வரப்புயர்’ என்று துவங்கும் பாட்டில் இந்த நாடு கேடமமடைய நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெருக வேண்டுமென்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். ஆகவே அந்த கருத்தைப்பற்றியே இந்த இடத்தில் நானும் பேச ஆசைப்படுகிறேன். ஆங்கிலேயன் காலத்திலேயே இவைகளெல்லாம் செய்யப்படவில்லை என்பது பற்றி ஆச்சரியப்படுவதற்கில்லை. நான் இந்த இடத்தில் சொல்வது என்ன வென்றால் நமக்கு இப்பொழுது ஓரளவு அனுபவம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நீர்ப்பாசன வசதிகளை நல்ல முறையில் செய்ய முன் வரலாமென்று சொல்லிக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

“நெல்லை மாவட்டத்து மக்கள் ஒரு நல்ல புதுமையான காரியத்தைச் செய்து இந்த நாட்டுக்கு வழிகாட்டியிருக்கிறார்கள். இந்தியாவில் மாத்திரமல்ல, எந்த தேசத்திலும்கூட, அம்மாதிரி ஒரு காரியத்தைச் செய்யவில்லை.

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அணை வேண்டுமென்றே. அதற்குக் கொஞ்சம் பணம் வேண்டுமென்று சொன்னார்கள். மணிமுத்தார் திட்டத்திற்கு சர்க்கார் கேட்ட தொகையை விட அதிகமாகவே நாங்கள் வசூல் செய்து கொடுத்தோம். அந்த மணிமுத்தார் திட்டத்தை சீக்கிரம் முடித்துக்கொடுத்தால் திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவின் மூன்று தாலுகாக்கள் (அதாவது நாங்குனேரி, திருச்செந்தூர், திருநெல்வேலி தாலுகாவின் ஒருபகுதி, நல்ல முறையில் செழிப்படையும். ஆகையால், இந்த மணிமுத்தார் திட்டத்தைக் கூடியசீக்கிரம் முடித்துக் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“கீரியார் திட்டத்தை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு, 10, 15 வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னேயே அதைப்பற்றி ஆலோசனை செய்திருக்க முடியும். ‘யானை விரட்டியது, கரடி விரட்டியது, என்று பயந்து அதை அப்பொழுது விட்டு விட்டதாகவும், இப்பொழுது அதைப்பற்றி அக்கரை எடுத்துக் கொண்டுள்ளதாகவும் கேள்விப்படுகிறேன். கீரியாற்றில் நல்ல முறையில் ஒரு அணையைக் கட்டினால் சங்கரன்கோயில், கோயில்பட்டி தாலுகாக்கள் நல்ல பலனையடும் என்று சொல்லிக்கொள்ள ஆசைப்படுகிறேன். பஞ்சம், பஞ்சமென்று எத்தனையோ இடங்களில் சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால், சங்கரன்கோயில், கோவில்பட்டி தாலுகாக்கள் பஞ்சத்தால் பீடிக்கப்பட்டும் கூட, அந்த தாலுகாவாசிகள் கஷ்டத்தை எடுத்துச் சொல்ல முடியாத வாயில்லா பூச்சிகள் என்று நினைத்துக்கொண்டு சர்க்கார் பேசாமல் இருக்கிறதோ என்னவோ தெரியவில்லை. ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மக்கள் சொல்லொணா அல்லவற்றுக்கொண்டு, கஞ்சி, கஞ்சி என்று கதறுகிறார்கள். நிலம் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால், சரியான முறையில் அவைகளை வளப்படுத்தக்கூடிய அளவிலே அந்த இடத்தில் கீரியார் நீர்ப்பாசனத் திட்டத்தை உடனடியாகக் கொண்டு வந்து மக்களைக் காப்பாற்றவேண்டும். ஆகையால், அந்தத் திட்டத்தை உடனடியாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று இந்த இடத்தில் வற்புறுத்தி சொல்லிக்கொள்கிறேன்.

“திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவை எடுத்துக்கொண்டால், அங்கு எத்தனையோ காரியங்களைச் செய்யவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. பல ஆறுகள் வீணாக ஒரு வித பிரயோஜனமும் இல்லாமல், கடலில் போய் விழுகின்றன. மேற்கே சில ஆறுகள் அரபிக் கடலில் விழுகின்றன. திருவனந்தபுரம் அரசாங்கமும் நம்முடைய சென்னை அரசாங்கமும் ஒரே டில்லி சர்க்காரின் கீழ் இருப்பதால், திருவனந்தபுரம் அரசாங்கத்தோடு பேச்சு வார்த்தை வைத்துக்கொண்டு நல்ல முறையிலே அணைகளையெல்லாம் கட்டி திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவை செழிப்படையாச் செய்யலாம். நாங்குனேரி தாலுகாவிலுள்ள நம்பியாறு, ஹனுமான் நதிபோன்ற ஆறுகளில் சிறிய அணைகளைக் கட்டினால் போதும். லக்ஷக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்கள் செலவழிக்க வேண்டியதில்லை. அந்தத் தாலுகா நல்ல முறையில் செழிப்படையும்.

“மேற்சொன்ன திட்டங்களையெல்லாம் கவனித்தால் திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவைப்பற்றியிருக்கிற பஞ்சம் கண்டிப்பாக மறைந்துபோகும். அது மாதிரியல்ல. வேறு எந்த ஜில்லாவில் பஞ்சம் இருந்தாலும் அந்த இடங்களுக்கெல்லாம் எங்களால் சரியான முறையில் உணவு சப்ளை செய்ய முடியும். 10, 15 கோடி ரூபாய் என்று செலவு செய்யவேண்டாம். சொற்ப செலவிலே பல திட்டங்களை நிறைவேற்றலாம். இத் திட்டங்களை கண்டிப்பாகச் சர்க்கார் திறைவேற்ற வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“திருநெல்வேலி தாலுகாவில், மதவக்குரிச்சி, கங்கைகொண்டான் ஆகிய இரண்டு பிரிக்காக்கள் வரண்டு கிடக்கின்றன. அந்த பிரிக்காக்களை வளப்படுத்த நல்ல வழிகள் இருக்கின்றன. தாம்பிரபரணியில் திருப்படை மருதாருக்கருகில், உள்ள அணை தூர்ந்து இருக்கிறது. அது செப்பனிப்பட்டு, நிலங்கள் வளப்படுத்தப்பட்டு ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மக்கள் நல்ல முறையில் வாழமுடியும். அந்தக் காரியத்தையும் உடனடியாகச் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

“திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லாவில் பல குளங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. அவைகளைச் செப்பனிடுவதற்கு அதிக பணம் செலவழிக்கவேண்டிய அவசியமில்லை. ரூ. 500 வீதம் செலவழித்தால் கூட போதும். மழை பெய்தால்தான் இந்தக் குளங்களில் தண்ணீர் வரும். அப்படி மழை பெய்து வரும் தண்ணீரையும் சரிவரத் தேக்கிவைக்க முடியாமல், குளங்கள் மராமத்த

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செய்யப்பட்டாமல் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, அந்தத் தண்ணீரைச் சரிவரத் தேக்கிவைப்பதற்காக எங்கள் ஜில்லாவில், குறிப்பாக திருநெல்வேலி தாலுகாவிலுள்ள மைனர் இரிகேஷன் குளங்களைச் செப்பனிட்டால் எங்கள் தாலுகா செழிப்படையும், அதிக செலவில்லாமல் இந்தக் காரியத்தைச் செய்யலாம். ஆகையால், அதையும் செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று இந்த இடத்தில் வற்புறுத்துகிறேன்.

“பாபனூசம் அணை கட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதில் நிறைய தண்ணீர் தேங்கியிருக்கிறதென்பதைப்பற்றி கேட்டு சந்தோஷப்படுகிறோம். ஆனால் சில சந்தர்ப்பங்களில் தேவைப்படும்போது தண்ணீர் விடப்படுவதுவே. காலையிலிருந்து மாலைவரை தினம் கஷ்டப்பட்டு பயிர் செய்துகொண்டு வருகின்ற உழவன், தன் உழைப்பின் பயனை இன்னும் ஒரு மாதத்தில் அடையலாமென்று எண்ணும்போது, அணையில் சிறிது தண்ணீர் குறைந்து விட்டால், ‘இப்பொழுது தண்ணீர் விடமுடியாது’, ‘எலக்ரிசிடி வைத்திருக்கிறோம்’ என்று சொல்லிவிடுகிறார்கள். அம்மாதிரி செய்வதால் உழவன் மிகவும் ஏமாற்றமடைவதோடு பயிரும் அழிகிறது. உணவு உற்பத்தியை காலா காலத்தில் செய்யமுடியாத நிலையும் ஏற்பட்டுவிடுகிறது. ஆகையால், எந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் தண்ணீர் தேவையாக இருக்கிறதோ அந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் பாபனூசம் அணைக்கட்டி உள்ள தண்ணீரைத் திறந்து விட்டால்தான் பயிர் செய்வதற்கு சௌகரியமாக இருக்கும். தண்ணீர் ரொம்ப அத்தியாவசியமாயிருக்கின்ற நேரங்களிலாவது கண்டிப்பாகத் தண்ணீரைத் திறந்து விடவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

“Food Production” இலாகாவானது ஓரளவு நல்ல முறையில் காரியங்களைச் செய்து வந்திருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது அந்த இலாகாவை எடுத்து விட்டார்களென்று எண்ணுகிறேன். ஆனால், அது இருந்தால், உணவு உற்பத்திக்கு சிறிது சௌகரியம் ஏற்படுமென்று எனக்குத் தோன்றுகிறது.

“எந்தத் திட்டமாக இருந்தாலும், சர்க்கார் நாள் கடத்திவிடுகிறார்கள். சீக்கிரத்திலேயே முடிக்கக்கூடிய திட்டங்களாக இருந்தாலும்கூட, அப்படிச் சீக்கிரத்தில் செய்வதில்லை. இது நல்லதல்ல. ஆகையால், கூடிய சீக்கிரம் திட்டங்களை அமுல் நடத்தவேண்டிய வகையில் இந்த சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும்.

“இந்த ஒரு சில குறைகளை நிவர்த்தி செய்தால், எங்கள் திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லா வளமடையும். உணவு உற்பத்தியை அதிகம் பெருக்கி, உணவு தேவைப்படும் இதர பகுதிகளுக்கும் எங்களால் ஏராளமான நெல்லை அனுப்பமுடியும். செய்யக்கூடிய வேலையைத் தாமதப் படுத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கிற காரணத்தால்தான் இக் காரியங்கள் தாமதப்படுகின்றன.

“மேலப்பாளையத்திற்கும் திருநெல்வேலிக்கும் இடையே ஒரு பாலம் தேவையென சில வருஷங்களாக மக்கள் கிளர்ச்சி செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இன்னும் காலம் கடத்திக்கொண்டு போகாமல் இது சம்பந்தப்பட்ட காரியங்களை உடனடியாகச் செய்துமுடிக்கவேண்டும். ஒளவையார் கூறியதுபோல் ‘வரப்புயர்’ சர்க்கார் காரியங்களைச் செய்தால், இந்த மாகாணத்தில், குறிப்பாக தமிழ்நாட்டிலுள்ள உணவுப் பஞ்சத்தைப் போக்கி, இந்த நாட்டை சீரும் சிறப்புமாக விளங்கச் செய்ய முடியுமென்று தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு இந்த நீர்ப்பாசன மானியக் கோரிக்கையை மனப்பூர்வமாக ஆதரித்து, என்னுடைய வாசித்ததைகளை முடித்துக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“The House will now adjourn for lunch.”

(After lunch—2-30 p.m.)

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—“Mr. Speaker, Sir, பசியுபேயை ஹிரேக்சனர் கூய்ணிக லு ப்ராவ்ஷ்யூ ரவரன்ஷ் லவ்வாரிளெ ஸவரளிசிதூஜலகாயி காஸ வார் ஸாயிக். கல கோடியும் சிலவாரு லுஷிகயாஸ் லு ப்ராவ்ஷ்யூ லவ்வூப பவ்னி ஸகூஷஜ பவ்னிகலுக் லவ்வாரிவேஷ் ரவரன்ஷ் லிகிவயிதூஜலு. ஷெரிய ஷவ்ஸேவா பவ்னிகலு ஸவ்ஸியேஷ்ஷோலு லு வய் ஷெரிஷ் ஷஸா ஸு காளாநிபு. வாலுயா, லலலு ஷெரி லலலலிகலுஷ்ஷேஷி 2½ லக்ஷணிக ஸாயிக லுஷிக லு ப்ராவ்ஷ்யூ ரவரன்ஷ் வக லுஷணிகுஷ. லவ்வார் ப்ரூணிக

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അനുഗ്രഹിച്ച ഒരു പ്രദേശമാണ്. നദികളിൽ അനവധി വെള്ളം ഉണ്ടു്. കാലവകുറുപ്പും ഉണ്ടു് എന്നീ കാരണങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടാണു് ജലസേചനപദ്ധതികളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ മലബാറിനെ അവഗണിക്കാറുള്ളതു്. കാലവകുറുപ്പിനനുസരണം നദികളിൽ കൂടി വെള്ളം സമൃദ്ധിയോടെ കഴിയാതെ പോകുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതു തടങ്ങു കൃഷി ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്താൻ കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ മലബാർ കമ്മ്യൂണിക്കേഷൻ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ഒരു മിഷൻ പ്രദേശം കൂടി ആരംഭിക്കാൻ സാധ്യതയുണ്ടു്. മലബാറിൽ എത്രയൊ ഏകൂ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ കൃഷി ചെയ്യാവുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ, ഇന്നും കൃഷി ചെയ്യാതെ തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു് മദിരാശി ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ കണക്കുകളിൽ നിന്നുതന്നെ വ്യക്തമാകുന്നുണ്ടു്. 1,829,937 ഏകൂ സ്ഥലം ഇന്നും കൃഷി ചെയ്യാനാവാത്ത തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു മദിരാശി ഗവണ്മെന്റ് പറയുന്നു. ഇന്നും കൃഷി ചെയ്യാനാവാത്ത സ്ഥലം 1,523,184 ഏകൂയാണെന്നും അതേ കണക്കിൽ കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഈ കഴിഞ്ഞ നാലു കൊല്ലത്തിനിടക്കു മദിരാശി ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികൾ തുടങ്ങിയതിന്റെ ഫലമായിട്ടു് ഏകദേശം 3,230 ഏകൂ സ്ഥലത്തു മന്ത്രാലയം ജലസേചനം ഏല്പാടു ചെയ്യാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്നു സാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു. ഈ സ്ഥിതിക്കു ആണെങ്കിൽ മലബാറിൽ മുഴുവൻ ജലസേചനം നടത്താൻ വേണ്ടി മാത്രം നാലായിരം കൊല്ലത്തോളം വേണ്ടിവരും.

“ഇന്നു 18 ലക്ഷത്തിൽ മിലവാറും ഏകൂ സ്ഥലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യാതെ കിടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും അവയെല്ലാം ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികൾ ഏറ്റെടുത്തിയാൽ കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ കഴിയുമെന്നും ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ കെട്ടിയുണ്ടു്. പാലക്കാടു താലൂക്കിൽത്തന്നെ ഇന്നും ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപെടാത്ത ഭീനകരം, സിതാർകണ്ടു, വണ്ടാഴിയീല വളയൽ പുഴ എന്നിവയുണ്ടു്. വളയൽ പുഴയിൽ ചുരുങ്ങിയ മിലവിൽ ഒരു അണക്കെട്ടു കെട്ടിയാൽ എത്രയൊ ഏകൂ സ്ഥലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതാണു്. ഈ പദ്ധതികൾ പൂർത്തിയാക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പാലക്കാടു താലൂക്കിൽ ഒരു ഇഞ്ച് സ്ഥലം വേലം തരിശായി കിടക്കുകയില്ല എന്നു മന്ത്രാലയം രണ്ടു പുലയും മൂന്നു പുലയും അവിടങ്ങളിൽ കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കും. വള്ളവനാടു താലൂക്കിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചേടത്തോളം പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ തുകപ്പുഴ, കണ്ണിരപ്പുഴ, കന്തിപ്പുഴ ഈ പുഴകൾക്കു അണക്കെട്ടുകൾ കെട്ടി വെള്ളം കൃഷിക്കു ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വള്ളവനാടു താലൂക്കു ഒരു മിഷൻ പ്രദേശമാകാൻ കഴിയുന്നതാണു്. ദവാന്തിപ്പുഴയിലെ വെള്ളം അട്ടപ്പാടിയിലേക്കു കരെ വീട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എത്രയൊ ആയിരം ഏകൂസ്ഥലം കൃഷിക്ക് ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. ഇതേമാതിരി വൊന്നാനിയിൽ ഇടത്തുരുത്തി, പന്തൂർ ഭേദം ഒരു മീപ്പു്; ഏങ്ങണിയൂരിൽ മട്ടുകായൽ എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തൊരു കെട്ടു്, നാട്ടികയിൽ, നെടുമ്പിള്ളം നീണ്ടുകിടക്കുന്ന വെരിന്തോടു് വെട്ടിനന്നാക്കുക, മാറ്റൽ കായലിൽനിന്നു പുറപ്പെടുന്ന കണ്ടയർ തോടു്, എലിയത്തു് ചിറ എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തൊരു കെട്ടു്, മേവയേരി കായലിൽനിന്നു പുറപ്പെടുന്ന ചെറുതോടു്, വീയം കെട്ടിനു തെക്കു് മേവയേരി രണ്ടു മീപ്പു്. ഇതെല്ലാം കെട്ടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വൊന്നാനി താലൂക്കിൽത്തന്നെ എത്രയൊ ഏകൂ സ്ഥലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യാനാർജ്ജ് സാധ്യതയുണ്ടു്. ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറി കൃഷി നശിച്ചിടുന്നതു തടയേണ്ടതാണു്. കോട്ടയം താലൂക്കിൽ കണ്ടചിറയിൽ ഒരു ലക്ഷത്തോളം ഉറപ്പിക്കു മിലവു് ചെയ്തിട്ടും ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറുന്നതു തടയാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഇവിടെ എത്രയൊ ഏകൂസ്ഥലം ഗവണ്മെന്റ് അക്വയർ (acquire) ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിന്റെ വില ഇനിയും കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികളുടെ സെസ്സ് (cess) ആണെങ്കിൽ എത്രയൊ ജനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു് പിരിച്ചുവരുന്നതുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറുന്നതു് തടയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ചിറകൾ താലൂക്കു് ഇറിയോക്കൻ നടപ്പാക്കത്ത ഒരു സ്ഥലമാണു്. പന്തൂരിൽ രാമപുരം ടാങ്ക് ഇപ്പോൾ ചെയ്യുക, ചെറുതാഴം അംശത്തിലെ കോട്ടക്കുളം ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറുന്നതു തടയുക, മാടായി ഫക്ടറിൽ കാട്ടാമ്പള്ളി കടവിന്നടുത്തു കെട്ടുക ഇതെല്ലാം കെട്ടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ കൈപ്പാടുകൾ ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറുന്നതിൽനിന്നു രക്ഷിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയും. അങ്ങിനെ അവിടങ്ങളിൽ കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. ഏറനാടു് താലൂക്കിൽ രാമനാട്ടുകരയിൽ ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കയറുന്നതു തടയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇതപരി നായിരത്തിൽപരം പറ നെല്ലു് കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നാണു് അവിടങ്ങളിലെ കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഇങ്ങിനെ എല്ലാഭാഗത്തും ഇറിയോക്കനു് വലിയ സംഖ്യയൊന്നും മിലവു് ചെയ്യാതെ തന്നെ ചെറു ചെറു പദ്ധതികൾ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്താം. മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിക്കു് ചെലവു ചെയ്യുന്നവോടെ വലിയ സംഖ്യ കന്നും മിലവു ചെയ്യാതെ തന്നെ ചെറുകിട ജലസേചന പദ്ധതികൾ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുവാൻ മറ്റൊരു മാർഗ്ഗം ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു് ഉണ്ടാകും.

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ഭക്ഷണിന് വരികയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു അതു വലിയ ഉപകാരമായിരിക്കും. എന്നു മാത്രമല്ല ഇന്ന് ഒരു കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി പ്രോജക്ടായി ഒരു കോമൗണ്ടിംഗ് പ്രോജക്ടായി മാറ്റാൻ പോകുന്ന മലബാറിനെ ഒരു മിച്ചപ്രദേശമാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് ഈ വക ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു കാണുന്നില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഇവർക്ക് അതിനുള്ള സംഖ്യ വക ഇരുത്തി കാണുന്നില്ല. വക ഇരുത്തലു സംഖ്യയിൽത്തന്നെ Community projects ന്റെ പേരിൽ sanction ചെയ്യ സംഖ്യ കഴിയാൻ ഈ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ചിലവുചെയ്യാൻ പോകുന്ന സംഖ്യ വളരെ തുച്ഛമാണ്. ഇതിനർത്ഥം ഗവണ്മെന്റ് പറയും പണം ഇല്ല. കൂടുതൽ നികുതിവേണം എന്നും. എന്നാൽ ഇനിയും കൂടുതൽ നികുതിവേണ്ടതാണുള്ള സാദ്ധ്യത നമ്മുടെ സ്റ്റേറ്റിൽ ഉണ്ട്. കോപ്പി നോട്ടങ്ങളും ചായനോട്ടങ്ങളും റബ്ബർനോട്ടങ്ങളും ഉള്ള ഭൂമിക്ക് നെൽകൃഷിചെയ്യുന്ന ഭൂമിക്ക് കെട്ടുന്ന തരത്തിലുള്ള ഒരു നികുതി കെട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു നികുതി കെട്ടുക. സെമിൻഗാർമാർക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കോമ്പൻസേഷൻ സംഖ്യ കൊടുക്കാനിരിക്കുകയാൽ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു ഗണ്യമായി കുറയ്ക്കുകയാൽ ചെയ്താൽ ഈ വക സംഖ്യകൾ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ഇനിപ്പറയുന്ന പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് ചിലവാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. അവ സേചന പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ചിലവാക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ ഇടയാക്കുവാൻ എന്നോണം Betterment tax കെട്ടുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഈ അവസരമനുസരിച്ച് പദ്ധതികൾ ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കുകയാണ് നല്ലത് എന്നാണ് ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായം."

* SRI P. M. MUNUSWAMY GOWNDER :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Demand on Irrigation. I come from the Uddanapalli constituency in Salem district. It comprises parts of Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks. It is a well-known fact that Salem is deficit in food. I do not know why the Famine Commissioner has not yet declared the district a famine area. It is really a famine area. In most of the places, there is no drinking water and the people are undergoing untold suffering on this account. I request the Government to take steps to give immediate relief to the people of Vepanapalle, Berigiri, Uddanapalli, Rayakottai and other places. The people of my constituency are depending only upon well irrigation. There are no proper irrigation facilities though there are a number of rivers like the Markandeya and South Pennar passing through Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks. There is an ancient anicut across the South Pennar at Kodiyalam, which is at a distance of two miles from Bagalur. If this anicut is renovated, irrigation facilities in my constituency will improve and thousands of acres in the estates of Bagalur, Berigai, Sulagiri, Kuppichaiparai and other places could be brought under cultivation. There are many investigated projects like the Thompson Project in Krishnagiri taluk, Samanapalle project in Hosur taluk, and Thoppiar and Vaniar projects in Salem district. Though Hosur taluk is the birthplace of 'Rajaji,' the Government have not taken any measures to provide adequate irrigation facilities there. I request the Government to take immediate steps for the construction of the Thompson project in Krishnagiri taluk and the Samanapalle project in Hosur taluk. These projects will irrigate thousands of acres.

“ Besides the execution of irrigation works, the Government should give interest-free loans to the ryots for sinking wells and recover them in 15 to 20 instalments. As Salem district is a rocky one, agriculturists find it very difficult to dig wells with the aid of manual labour. Immediate steps should be taken to provide compressor sets, dynamite and other implements to enable the agriculturists to dig wells quickly and at a cheaper cost.

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" I can boldly say that Government have completely neglected Hosur taluk. Though Mysore State borders Hosur taluk and although practically there is no difference between these two places either in the language or in the habits of the people, yet it is disheartening to see the appalling poverty of the people of Hosur taluk. Their poverty is not due to laziness or due to want of manual labour, but it is due purely to lack of facilities like electricity, etc. Electric power has turned Mysore State into a Heaven. It is high time for the Government to bestow immediate attention on Hosur taluk and provide electric power to the people of Hosur taluk. Though there is a perennial water source running for miles together in Hosur taluk, no attempt has been made to utilize that water for food production. I request Government once again to take immediate steps to extend electricity supply from the Mysore border to Hosur taluk. My constituency is a big area consisting of 70,000 people. There are no road facilities, no high schools, and no electric power supply. I request Government to take immediate steps for the good of the people of Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks. With these words, Sir, I stop."

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to speak on Malampuzha scheme. I know that the Central Government have sanctioned a crore of rupees and that the scheme can be completed within the prescribed time if the Government make an effort to execute it in the course of this year. I want to speak on it, because I have some serious charges against the Kumaraswami Raja Government. I do not want this Government to repeat the same old mistake. The Malampuzha scheme was started in 1949, and Rs. 4.9 crores were granted for the scheme. For two years the scheme went on perfectly well, and by January this year, there was a slowing down in the programme, because the amount sanctioned was not sufficient. In March there was so much of agitation in Parliament that this Government gave an order to go full steam ahead, but reserve payments for one month, namely, April. The Interim Government of Mr. Kumaraswami Raja sanctioned a crore and odd rupees for the scheme on condition that no payments should be made for three months. In May of this year, the Kumaraswami Raja Government slashed the amount sanctioned by exactly half with the result that after meeting the accumulated expenses and after making payments for lands that were submerged, there was very little left to carry out the work on the scheme. And this brought the whole work to a complete standstill. That itself was bad enough. The Government did not take the authorities into their confidence and the result was that when they gave the order to the authorities to go full steam ahead they raised the level of the centre—something which is done only once a year—which submerged a thousand acres of land which were under cultivation. When the Government slashed the sanctioned amount, the lands that were already under cultivation could not be cultivated. A thousand acres which would otherwise have been cultivated remained uncultivated, and the whole work was brought to a standstill. I think it is very wrong on the part of the Government to have done it. Now, because the Central Government came to the rescue, a

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crore of rupees have been granted. Otherwise, the work would not have been completed for another year, and the yield from 1,000 acres also would have been denied to a deficit area like Malabar. The neglect of Malabar by the Government becomes a graver crime when one remembers the fact that lands in the Palghat valley are the best in quality and the best in productivity. Any one would naturally expect a ton of rice for every acre of land, which is the average, the Government calculate. That means, for every year in which the work is not executed, a thousand tons of rice are denied to Malabar. Apart from this, about 800 acres of land were used for digging canals, which means that the yield from these lands also is denied to the people, if the scheme is not completed. I hope that this Government will not commit the same mistake of slashing or cutting down the grant that has already been made, and telling the authorities after three or four months that there is no money available, and that the sanctioned amount has been cut. I wish to remind the Government about this. Apart from this, when the works are stopped, there are other losses that are incurred, and public money is wasted thereby. In the first place, when the work is stopped, and when they wish to renew it, they have to scrape off the masonry, which means that for every 100 square feet unit, they have to engage four masons for a day. This amounts to over Rs. 30,000, because there are 1,800 units of 100 square feet. Again cement has to be spread over for a second time. One hundred and fifty tons of cement is necessary for this. A ton of cement costs Rs. 75. Besides these expenses in material, the staff engaged on the work costs Government Rs. 1½ lakhs every year. Therefore, it costs Government in two ways if the work is not kept going. These are all the items on which the Government lose, if there is an interruption in the work of the Malampuzha scheme.

" In this connection, I wish to bring to the notice of Government some facts about Malabar. Malabar is a land of perpetual famine. There are certain permanent trends in Malabar which the Government could fail to take note of only at their peril. I shall not express my opinions, but I shall place the facts before the Government. In the first place, the population of Malabar, as compared with Andhra and Tamilnad, deserves some attention. In Andhra it is about 300 per square mile. In Tamilnad it is about 500 per square mile. In Malabar, it is 800 per square mile. The people of Malabar seem to be very feund. The population of Malabar per square mile is not quite indicative of the seriousness of the position, because Malabar is a land of rivers, hills and mountains. The cultivable land of Malabar is only half the area of the district, and, therefore, the population per square mile is not 800 but 1,600. This is a very high figure. The thickness of population in Malabar will exceed the thickness of population in any other part of the whole of India. How are these people to live? That is why I said that Malabar is a land of perpetual famine. But if we take the per capita income of Malabar, it is only half of that of either Andhra or Tamilnad. The people of Malabar, if they are to live, have to depend on agriculture or on industry. As far as agriculture is concerned, Malabar is a completely neglected area. There is not even one inch of land in

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Malabar that is served by Government irrigation works. Malamuzha is the first scheme that the Government have undertaken. In Andhra and Tamilnad 70 to 80 per cent of the area is served by Government irrigation works. To be more accurate, I may say that 60 to 70 per cent of lands in Andhra and Tamilnad are irrigated by Government irrigation schemes. This is very unfair to Malabar. Accusations were made on the floor of the Assembly that Malabar was given a step-motherly treatment. I do not mind them. Step-motherly treatment in some ways is not bad. The treatment given to Malabar is not a step-motherly treatment, but a poor-relation treatment which is worse than a step-motherly treatment. I think the Government of Madras should take into consideration this fact and see that Malabar is given the treatment she deserves. Problems in Malabar are peculiar. Even the irrigation schemes undertaken in Malabar are very different from the schemes undertaken in other parts of India, because of the hilly character of the district and the heavy monsoon there. The Government should pay special attention to this district which has such a heavy population per square mile. There is very heavy pressure on land also. As regards industries in Malabar, there are two industries there, namely, tiles and textiles. These are neglected. The Government should see that some industries which are under the all-India scheme are located in Malabar so that the per capita income may be raised and pressure on land is reduced. This is all I have to say, Sir, for the present. Thank you."

* SRI K. KOTI REDDI :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, in supporting this Demand on Irrigation, I would like to make a few observations on the policy and programme of the Government on irrigation. Sir, it is very encouraging to find that the Hon. Minister made a statement to the effect that the Government are determined to carry out their irrigation programme. But, Sir, I may have to dissent from one or two statements made by him, which from my point of view, are very disappointing. If that policy is given effect to, the area from which I come, namely, Rayalaseema will be affected by famines very frequently. If the Government are to be guided by the principle of getting net returns from the projects, on a comparative basis the chances of taking up irrigation projects in Rayalaseema are very few indeed.

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“ Again, it is stated that there is already a big programme in the hands of the Government and it would be futile to investigate any further schemes. It seems to me that such a policy as that will very much retard the progress of irrigation schemes in this country. It is said that, by sanctioning investigation of schemes which may not be taken up for execution for sometime to come for want of finances, hopes will be raised in the country, which is not desirable. I remember, Sir, that for the last about quarter of a century or more, we have been speaking on the floor of this House about the Tungabhadra Project. The investigation of this scheme was completed as early as in 1908. Can it be said that because that investigation raised some hopes among the people some harm ensued and so investigation of further schemes is to be postponed? We know

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what will be the result of investigation not being carried out now. If money is available in future, even schemes which are feasible and which may be remunerative from the point of view of the Government, will not be taken up simply because investigation has not been carried out. Therefore, the work of investigation should be carried on continuously. Now, what are the factors which go to make the investigation of an irrigation scheme complete? It is the quantity of inflow of water and the physical features of the terrain that determine the feasibility of an irrigation project. And when work on an investigated scheme is taken up later on, what will be required is only a revision of the cost. So, in spite of what the Government have said, even if a scheme was investigated some years ago, it will have to be revised now only with reference to the cost. That is the only thing to be considered. It is rather unfortunate that, in spite of the determination of the Government to carry through the irrigation schemes begun some years ago, such a statement as that should have been made on the floor of this House. I hope that the Cabinet will give their earnest consideration to this aspect of the subject.

“ The second point to which I have to take exception, is this. There may be many irrigation schemes under the contemplation of the Government. If a comparative study is made of them with regard to the net return for the money invested in them and their food value, most of the schemes may not be remunerative from the revenue yielding point of view of the Government. On that score, we should not leave out of consideration the relief to be afforded to the famine-affected areas in Rayalaseema. If only that consideration of comparative net return should weigh with the Government, the chances of any more schemes being taken up in Rayalaseema are very remote.

“ Sir, it has been said by many hon. Members from both sides of the House that unless something is done permanently to remove the famine conditions in the country, there is likely to be great distress always among the people. We know in our country the majority of the people depend upon agriculture for their livelihood and agriculture depends mainly on how we are going to provide water for irrigation. Unless all the schemes that are found feasible are taken up immediately, the chances of this country being able to produce enough food are not bright. Therefore, I appeal to the Government to revise their ideas with regard to irrigation schemes.

“ One difficulty confronting the Government in the matter of provision of irrigation facilities is naturally the question of cost. From my point of view, not even one per cent of the irrigation schemes, that have been investigated, can really be called unremunerative or unproductive. It is a pity that the same idea about the cost of a scheme which the British Government had, prevails now. The British Government was a capitalist Government. So, they were having that idea. But now we are living, not in a Capitalist State, but in a Welfare State. So, the only criterion now for taking up any scheme is the welfare of the people in terms of the additional wealth that will be produced. So long as

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the Hon. Minister for Public Works is satisfied that any scheme, which is contemplated, will pay the interest on the capital that is invested and the maintenance charges, he ought to advise the Cabinet to take up that scheme. Then it is for the Hon. the Finance Minister to find funds for implementing that scheme. Judging from that point of view, many of the schemes which are now considered unproductive or unremunerative can usefully be taken up. Money can and ought to be found by various means. Simply because the people of a particular area cannot afford to pay for the scheme, it cannot be dubbed as unremunerative. It is a very bad policy which I cannot support.

“ Lastly, may I say a few words about one of the biggest projects in our country, namely, Krishna-Pennar Project, which has given rise to some controversy? Speaking on the floor of this House, sometime ago, I said that if water was available, it could be taken to the southern areas, which may be farther than other places. So long as the needs of that part of the country which is nearer, are not satisfied, it is not fair to take the water to far off places. I was one of those who were championing the cause of the Krishna-Pennar Project. If the Krishna-Pennar Scheme, as now modified by the Government, is implemented, by building both the dams, I think the needs of the country having prior claim will be met only to some extent.

“ As regards the Nandikonda Scheme, I believe it is feasible and remunerative and it will probably satisfy a larger portion of the population of our State. My hope is that the Planning Commission will recommend this Nandikonda Scheme along with Siddeswaram, inclusive of Gandikota.”

* SRI A. VENKATRAMARAJU :—“ అభ్యర్థన, ఇప్పుడు మన ప్రభుత్వం వారు తీసుకొనివచ్చినటువంటి ఇరిగేషన్ అభివృద్ధి కార్యక్రమంలో విమాత్రంకూడా సమగ్రంగాలేదని నేను అభిప్రాయపడుతున్నాను. ముఖ్యంగా గోదావరి డెల్టాకు సంబంధించినవరకూ గత ఎనిమిది సంవత్సరములనుంచి ధవిశ్చరం ఆనకట్ట క్రింద ప్రతి సంవత్సరంకూడా ఇనుకమేట వేసుకుపోవటంచేత ఇంజనీరింగు డిపార్టుమెంటువారు estimates ద్వారా అక్కడక్కడుంటుంటే నీటి నిలువశక్తి తగ్గిపోతుందని చెప్పుకూ ఉన్నారు. అయితే ఈ రోజున గా॥ P.W.D. మంత్రిగారు ఈ ధవిశ్చరం, రాజ మండ్రి, గోదావరి సమస్యలు ఎందుకు చెర్చుకుతిసుకొని రాలేదని అడుగుతున్నాను. అసలు యీ ఆనకట్టవద్ద యీ నీటి నిలువ శక్తి తగ్గిపోయిఉంటుంటే, రెండవవంటికు నీరువుండదు. అందువలన యీ నీటిమట్టుకు సరిగావుండుటకు P.W.D. వారు తగు శ్రద్ధలి కుకోవాలని చెప్పుకూ ఉన్నారు. ఈ సమస్య పరిష్కారానికి యీమధ్య ఇంజనీరింగు డిపార్టుమెంటువారు ఇప్పుడు వున్నటువంటి ఈ మైనరు రివేర్సు విషయం లో ఆనకట్ట 18 అడుగుల వేక 20 అడుగుల ఎత్తుకు పెంపవలెనని సూచించినట్లు తెలుస్తూవుంది. ఈ రివేర్సు వెంటనే చేయించకపోయినట్లయితే మరల గోదావరికి నీరువచ్చుకప్పుడు నీరు నిలుపుచేయగట్లయితే చాలా ప్రమాదం సంభవిస్తుంది గనుక మంత్రిగారు యీ విషయముల గుర్తుకొనమని కోరుతున్నాను. గత సంవత్సరం యీ విషయం ప్రభుత్వంవారి దృష్టికి తీసుకొనివచ్చారు. అయినప్పటికినీ యీ విషయము యీ బడ్జెటులో రాకపోవడం చాలా అశ్చర్యకరంగావున్నది. ముఖ్యంగా ఈ రిజిస్ట్రారురు రివేరు విషయంలో కొన్ని plans and estimates కూడ తయారు

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అయితోపాటు ఆనాడు ముఖ్యంగా పాలేరు రిజర్వాయరువల్ల పెద్దాపురం, తుని, పిఠాపురం తాలూకాలకు సంబంధించినంతవరకు రూరమి ఒక లక్ష ఎకరాలు సాగుఅయ్యే పరిస్థితులు వున్నవి. ఈ విషయాన్ని ప్రభుత్వంవారు గమనించవలసియ్యున్నది. అంతేకాకుండా చాలా సంవత్సరాలనుంచీకూడా యీ తూర్పుగోదావరి, పశ్చిమ గోదావరి జిల్లాలలో ఆహారోత్పత్తి అధికముగావుండు జిల్లాలు గనుక, వివిధ ప్రాంతములలో పంట స్వయంసమృద్ధిగావుండుకో ఆక్కడ రెండవపంటపూనివేసి నీటి సప్లయి తక్కువైనవారికి వదులుచుండేవారు. అందువల్ల యీ ఆహారసమస్యకొరకు రెండవ పంట ఒక జిల్లాలో పెట్టిననూ, ఇంకొక జిల్లాలో వదులుకోవలసివుంటుంది. యీ ఆనకట్ట పనినిపెప్పుడు ప్రభుత్వంవారు పూర్తిచేస్తారా అని ప్రజలు నిరీక్షిస్తున్నారు. మూడు సంవత్సరాలుగా ప్రభుత్వ దృష్టిలోవున్న ఈ ఆనకట్ట పని ప్రభుత్వంవారు త్వరలో పూర్తిచేస్తే తూర్పు, పశ్చిమ డెల్టా ప్రాంతాలకు నీరు సప్లయికాగలదు. ఆహార సమస్యకూడా పూర్తిగా పరిష్కారంకాగలదు. అటువంటిది ఇంతవరకు పవిత్ర మైనవర్య తీసుకొనకపోవడంవల్ల ప్రజలు చాలా ఆందోళన చెందియున్నారు. యీ సమస్యను ప్రభుత్వంవారు త్వరలో చర్యతీసుకొందురని నేను విశ్వసిస్తున్నాను. అయితే ఇదే సందర్భములో ముఖ్యంగా మన అధికమంత్రిగారు ఎక్కువ పన్నువేస్తామని అంటున్నారు. ఎక్కువపన్నులుమాత్రం వేస్తామంటూ రోగాని ప్రజలకు వ్యవసాయాధి వృద్ధికి అవసరమైన సౌకర్యాలు విమియూచేయక కాలయాపనచేస్తూవుంటే ఈ ఆహార సమస్య ఎక్కువీరగలదో ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఆలోచించవలసియ్యున్నది. ప్రభుత్వము ప్రజలకష్టాలను మాత్రం గమనించినట్లు కనుపించదు. ఈ గోదావరి ఆనకట్టకు సంబంధించినంతవరకు ఒక స్వల్పమైటువంటి, నిర్దిష్టమైటువంటి కార్యక్రమాన్ని ప్రభుత్వంవారు తీసుకొనవలసివుంటుంది. ముఖ్యంగా యీ ధవిశేఖరం ఆనకట్ట స్కీము వెంటనే తీసుకొనవలసివుంటుందని మనవిచేయుచున్నాను. అయితే ఈ సందర్భములో యీ రోజున ముఖ్యంగా యీ సమావేశంలో చర్చించవచ్చునటువంటి ప్రాజెక్టుల విషయంలో రామపాదసాగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు విషయంలోకూడా ప్రజల అభిప్రాయాలు ఇది ఖరకే వెల్లడి అయియున్నవి. అయితే ముఖ్యంగా కృష్ణా, గోదావరి ఈ రెండు నదులు ఆంధ్రదేశంలో వ్యవసాయాధివృద్ధికిగాను చాలా ఉపయోగకరమైన నదులై యున్నవి. మద్రాసు ప్రభుత్వంవారు ప్రస్తుతము రాయలసీమ కరువునివారణ క్రింద లక్షలకోటి డబ్బు వ్యయముచేస్తున్నారు. ఆంధ్రులు ఈ రోజున ఆంధ్రదేశం అంతయును సువిశింపాండటానికి రామపాదసాగర్ ప్రాజెక్టుకొరకు కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వాన్ని వొత్తిడిచేయుచున్నారు. రాయలసీమకు చాలావరకు వ్యయోగించేందుకు నందికొండ ప్రాజెక్టు కావాలని వొత్తిడిచేస్తున్నారు. ఎన్నో సంవత్సరాలుగా యీ నందికొండ ప్రాజెక్టు నిర్మాణంకొరకు నిరీక్షిస్తున్నప్పటికీ ప్రభుత్వంవారు కాలయాపన చేస్తున్నారు. ఆ ప్రాజెక్టు యిప్పుటికి నిర్మించియున్నట్లయితే, రాయలసీమకు కరువు వచ్చివుండేదికాదు. ప్రజలు రామపాదసాగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు విషయంలో ఆసక్త అభిప్రాయాలు యిచ్చియున్నారు. ఈ రామపాదసాగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు ఎట్లు న్నను, యీ నందికొండ ప్రాజెక్టు త్వరలో నిర్మించవలసిందిగా కోరుతున్నాను. అయితే రామపాదసాగర్ విషయంలో నాకెట్టి అభిప్రాయబేధాలులేవు. సుమారు పది సంవత్సరాలుగా యీ రాయలసీమ ప్రాజెక్టుల నిర్మాణసమస్య ప్రజలలో ఆందోళన కలిగియున్నది. ఈ ప్రాజెక్టులు త్వరలో నిర్మించినట్లయితే ఆహారసమస్య పరిష్కరింపబడగలదు. కనుక ప్రభుత్వమువారు తగు శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొని కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వాన్ని వొత్తిడి చేసి ఈ ప్రాజెక్టుసమస్య పూర్తిచేయుదురని ప్రభుత్వాన్ని కోరుచున్నాను. ఇప్పుడు ముఖ్యంగా ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఈ ధవిశేఖరం ఆనకట్ట త్వరలో రిపేరుచేయించి కట్ట ఎత్తువేయించినట్లయితే ఎక్కువనీరును నిలువచేయుటకు సాధ్యమవుతుంది. ఈ సీటికో

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యిప్పుడు యింకా బంజరుగావున్న భూములు సాగుకులినుకురావడమే గాక యిప్పుడు సాగులోయన్న పల్లివుభూములలో తూర్పు గోదావరి, కృష్ణా గోదావరి జిల్లాలలో రెండవవంటి లీనుకురావచ్చును. ప్రభుత్వమువారు యీ జిల్లాల రైతాంగమునకు చాలా మేలుచేసిన వాగుమరు. సింబు పర్సెంటు కంటి పంపించవచ్చును. ఆహారోత్పత్తి వృద్ధిచేయవీలగును. కనుక ప్రభుత్వమువారు యీ విషయమై తగు శ్రద్ధ వహించ గలందుకు కోరుచున్నాను.”

* JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, in an agricultural country like ours, the importance and indispensability of a net work of useful irrigation projects can never be over-emphasised. During the foreign rule, this important problem was neglected. Though public revenue and public funds were utilized in various other directions, in keeping a huge army to keep this country in bondage for instance, the question of irrigation schemes and agricultural projects was criminally neglected by our rulers. During the past few years, several projects have been planned and taken up for execution. Even now, we are not free from the charge that we are slow in conceiving, slow in planning and slow in execution with reference to these schemes. It has to be said to the credit of the previous Minister, who was in charge of Irrigation and Electricity—I mean my esteemed friend Sri Bhaktavatsalam—that many schemes were taken up during his time. During his Ministership, he showed unique zeal, energy, enthusiasm and skill in pushing through a number of useful schemes. In this matter, he showed unique interest and a missionary spirit.

“ I now join in the chorus of protests made by hon. Members from Malabar about the neglect shown to the district of Malabar in the matter of irrigation projects. It was only in the past decade that some attention was sought to be paid to that much-neglected district. In all departments of life where public amenities are expected to be enjoyed by the citizens, that district has been criminally neglected. During the time of the foreign rule, that district was shown some special consideration. That was only in the matter of locating a British regiment at Malapuram for suppressing one important section of the population—I mean the Moplas. Much to the disgrace of the British rule, crores of rupees were wasted on keeping up such an army. That was the special consideration that was shown to that district. In the matter of irrigation and electricity schemes and other important necessities of civilized existence, Malabar was neglected more than any other district in this State.

“ I am, however, grateful to the Government for their assurance regarding the Malampuzha Project. They have assured us that we need not be worried about that scheme and that the scheme is likely to be pushed through with vigour and enthusiasm and completed almost within the period fixed for the completion of that scheme. One of my hon. Friends belonging to the Muslim League Party, while speaking on this Demand referred to certain irrigation schemes like the Kanhirapuzha and Mangolam schemes, that should be taken up for the Malabar district. The earlier those

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projects and schemes are taken up, the better it will be for everybody. If this is done, the problem of food shortage and the anxiety which Malabar causes in the minds of the rulers will to a very great extent be removed.

“ In this connexion, I wish to point out the necessity for taking up a minor irrigation scheme relating to a part of Ernad taluk in South Malabar. One of the objects of our cut motion is to point out the need for Government to deepen the Benchali thodu near Tiruvangadi and to put up a temporary bund every year, if no permanent bund is feasible and possible, for preventing the influx of salt water into the paddy fields, which the people are cultivating. Now, the people are making some collections and putting up temporary bunds without any help from the Government. If no permanent scheme for preventing the in-rush of salt water can be immediately put into execution, at least temporary bunds should be put up every year without compelling the ryots to collect the money to put up such bunds themselves. As I said, there is need for deepening this canal, about which many representations have been made in the past, without any results.

“ Sir, the needs of the Malabar district in the matter of irrigation schemes have been elaborately dealt with by some of my hon. colleagues. Except mentioning one or two things about the constituency in South Malabar in which I am interested, I have nothing more to say. I may, in this connection, point out the usefulness of exploring the possibility of having hydro-electric schemes attached to some of these irrigation schemes that we are having in Malabar. In the Kanjirappuzha scheme, according to the layman, there are vast possibilities of having a hydro-electric scheme. As a matter of fact, our country is very unfortunate in this respect, viz., having hydro-electric schemes attached to irrigation projects. In other countries, attempts have been made in recent years in this direction and great success has been achieved by them. Even in countries which were considered to be backward, like Turkey, many hydro-electric schemes have been executed to the surprise of the entire World. The production in agriculture in those countries has been multiplied several-fold by these projects. We have to take a lesson from the experience of those countries. With zeal, enthusiasm and energy, we have to push through such schemes so that the irrigation projects of this country might prove to be a salvation in the matter of the economic prosperity of an agricultural country like ours.”

* SRI K. BAPANNA DORA :— “ అధ్యక్షులు, ఈ ఇరిగేషన్ డిమాండ్ పై చర్చ జరుపుతున్న సందర్భంలో నా నియోజక వర్గంలో చేయవలసిన శుశుులగురించి కొద్దిగా చెప్పవలసివచ్చింది. నా నియోజకవర్గం తూర్పుగోదావరి జిల్లాలోని భద్రావలం. ఈ నియోజకవర్గంలోని ప్రాంతం విజన్వీ ప్రాంతం. ఇంత విస్తీర్ణం గల నియోజకవర్గం యీ రాష్ట్రంలో మరొకటి లేదనుకుంటాను. నా నియోజకవర్గానికి ఉత్తరాన సెంట్రల్ ప్రావిన్సెస్, పశ్చిమాన వైజాం సంస్థానం, తూర్పున విశాఖపట్నం జిల్లా, దక్షిణాన తూర్పుగోదావరి జిల్లాలోని మిగతా తాలూకాలు ఉన్నాయి. నా నియోజకవర్గంలో నివసించే ప్రజలు ఆమాయకులైన రిజర్వు ప్రావిన్సువాళ్లు. ఈ ప్రాంతంలో బ్రిటిష్ కవర్ మెంటువారు కాని, ఇండియన్ కవర్ మెంటువారు కాని యిరిగే

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వక్షపనులు చేయుటలో ఎటువంటి శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొనలేదు. ఈ విజెస్సీ చాలా వెనుక బడి బ్రహ్మ ప్రాంతం. ఈ సంవత్సరం బడ్జెట్ లో మా ప్రాంతానికి 77,500 రూపాయలు శాంక్షన్ చేశారు. 1950-51 వ సంవత్సరంలో 1 లక్షకు పైగాను, 1951-52 వ సంవత్సరంలో 94 వేలకు పైగాను శాంక్షన్ చేశారు. ఆయెటికా యేడు శాంక్షన్ చేసిన మొత్తాన్ని యీ విధంగా తగ్గించవద్దని కోరుతున్నాను.

“ విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతంనుంచే ఎక్కువ వదులు, వాగులు ప్రవహిస్తున్నాయి. ఆయినప్పటికీ ఈ జలాధారాలపై రిజర్వాయరులు కట్టి విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతాన్ని అభివృద్ధి పరచటానికి ఏ విధమైన టువంటి కార్యక్రమం అమలుజరుపబడలేదు. యల్లవరం తాలూకాలో 110 నెట్ వర్క్ గ్రామాలు వున్నాయి. ఈ గ్రామాలలో అనేక మైన టువంటి చెరువులున్నాయి. ఈ చెరువుల మరమ్మత్తు మొదలైన పనులు మైసర్ ఇరిగేషన్ డిపార్టుమెంటు వారి ఆజ్ఞానుసే క్రింద జరుపబడవలసివుంది. ఈ పనులను చూచే అధికారులు విజెస్సీ అభివృద్ధిపట్ల తగినంత శ్రద్ధచూపుటలేదు. కంట్రాక్టరు చేసిన పనులు యేవిధంగా వున్నాయో గమనించకుండా డిప్యూటీ తహసీల్దార్ లిబ్లింగ్స్ ప్యాస్ చేస్తున్నారు. మేము యెన్నిసార్లు కంట్రాక్టర్ల సరిగా పనిచేయుట లేదని చెప్పుకొనినా, మా మాట ఎవరూ ఆలకించుటలేదు. ఈ మైసర్ ఇరిగేషన్ వారి ఆజ్ఞానుసేనుంచి ఈ చెరువుల మరమ్మత్తు పనులను తప్పించి, P.W.D. వారే ఆ పనులను చేయించేటట్లు చూడవలసిందని ప్రభుత్వంవారిని కోరుతున్నాను. సదరు కంట్రాక్టులు విజెస్సీ ప్రజలకేయిచ్చి వారినిమాడ అభివృద్ధికి తీసుకొనిరావలయును.

“ అనేక మహానదులు, ఉప నదులు, యేరులు విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతం గుండా ప్రవహిస్తూ వస్తున్నాయి. కాని, ఏటి నీరువల్ల విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతం యేవిధంగానూ అభివృద్ధి పొందుటలేదు. విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతంలో కురిసిన వర్ష వు సీరింతా యీ నదులద్వారా క్రిందకు పోతోంది. యెకోడ్డిగావ్ పల్లవు ప్రాంతాలవారు యీనీటిని ఉపయోగించు కుంటున్నారు. మిగతా నీరంతా సముద్రంలో కలిసిపోతోంది. గోదావరి మహానది, శబరి, పాములేరు మొదలైనవన్నీ విజెస్సీనుంచే వస్తున్నాయి. ఏటివైన అనకట్టులకట్టి నట్లయితే విజెస్సీ ప్రాంతాన్నే గాక పల్లవు తాలూకాలలోగూడా సశ్రేణ్యములంగా చేయవచ్చు. విజెస్సీ ద్వారా ప్రవహించే చిన్న చిరులపై కొద్ది మొత్తాలతో ఆనకట్టలు నిర్మించినట్లయితే ఆక్కడవున్న పెద్ద పెద్ద చెరువులను సమృద్ధిగా నీరు సప్తయిచేయవచ్చు. విజెస్సీ అభివృద్ధికిగాను, విజెస్సీ డెవలప్ మెంటు అఫీసర్ గారైన మఃయప్పన్ గారు ప్రభుత్వంవారికి సూచించిన అభివృద్ధి పథకములను అమలుకర్చగోరాను. ఆయన మా ప్రాంతాలలో ఏ ఏ ప్రాజెక్టులు నిర్మించవలెనో అనేవిషయమై ఒక మెమోరాండంను వంపించినట్లు తెలుస్తున్నది. వారి మెమోరాండం ప్రకారంగా శభరి నదిపై ప్రాజెక్టులు నిర్మించినట్లయితే, నూగురు, భద్రాచలం మొదలైన విజెస్సీ తాలూకాలలో చాలాభాగం సాగులోనికి తీసుకొనిరావచ్చు. అదే విధంగా పాటి కొండలద్వారా ప్రవహించుచున్న పాములేటిపై ఆనకట్ట కట్టినచో చోడవరం తాలూకాలో కొంతభాగం సాగుచేయవచ్చు. ఇక్కడ బరద కాల్య అను పెద్దకాలవ ఒకటి ఎల్లవరం తాలూకానుండి వస్తూయన్నది. దానిపై కట్ట కట్టినట్లయితే రెండు విధాలుగా ఉపయోగమున్నది. సదరు కట్ట ఎల్లవరం తాలూకా పీడతమాడి ఫిర్కా సూరంపారెం గ్రామం వద్దనున్న జిల్లేడికొండ, గడ్డికొండ ఆను రెండు కొండలకు రి ఫర్లాంగులమారం గట్టుపోసినట్లయితే విజెస్సీలో కొంతభాగం, plains లో కొంత భాగం సాగులోనికి తీసుకరాగలం. ఈ కట్టవల్ల యిదివరకు వరద, యిసుక మొదలైన వాటితో ముంచివేయబడుచున్న పల్లవు ప్రదేశాలలోని భూమిని సాపాడులే రాక కొంత మెరక భూమినిబడు సాగులోనికి తీసుకొనిరావచ్చు. కాలవలో అద

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నంగా ప్రవహించే నీటిని బూరుగుపూడి నియోజకవర్గంలో తొలి గడ్డ ఆనేచోట 3, 4 వేల ఎకరములు కల్ల పు ఘామిని నీటిముంపు వారినుండి తప్పించి సక్రమంగా సాగుచేయ వచ్చు. ఇప్పుడు బురదకాల్వై అనకట్టలేని కారణంచేత వరాకాలంలో హెచ్చు నీరు ప్రవహించి తొలిగడ్డ వద్దలకు కల్ల పు ఘామి మునిగిపోయి పంట పాడైపోతోంది. ఈ ములక తగ్గించుటకు బురదకాల్వై న సూరంపాలెంవద్ద గట్టుకట్టడం ఆత్యవసరం. దీనిపని యెన్నో లాభాలున్నాయి. మొత్తం 10, 15 వేల ఎకరాలు సాగులోనికి తీసుకొనిరావచ్చు.

“ఇంతవరకు మా ప్రాంతాలనుంచి యీ శాసన సభలో ప్రజాశ్రుతినిధి లేక పోవడంవల్ల విజిన్సీ ఆఫీసువద్దపొందుతులేదు. ఇకనైనా ప్రభుత్వంవారు విజిన్సీ ప్రాంతాలపట్ల తగినంత శ్రద్ధదూచితారని విశ్వసిస్తున్నాను. ఈ సంవత్సరం 75 వేల రూపాయలకే కాకుండా లక్ష రూపాయలకు పైగా ఖర్చుచేయవలసని కోరుచున్నాను. 10, 15 లక్షల రూపాయలు ఖర్చుచేసిపట్టుయితే ఎన్నో వేల ఎకరాల ఘామి సాగు లోనికి లేవచ్చు. యిరిగేషన్ పనుల విషయంలో హెచ్చు శ్రద్ధ చూపక పోయినట్లు యితే అదిబూడా రాయలసీమవలె డ్రామానికి గురికావలసి వస్తుందని దెవుతున్నాను. ఇప్పుడు జరుపదలకుకొన్న కొద్దిపాటి పనులైనా సరిగా ఆసులు జరగాలంటే వాటిని మెసర్ ఇరిగేషన్ డిపార్టుమెంటు వారినుంచి తొలగించి P.W.D. వారి ఆజ్ఞాయొప్పి క్రింద పుండవలసని కోరుచున్నాను. మెసర్ యిరిగేషన్ పనుల విషయంలో డెప్యూటీ తహసీల్దార్ మొదలైన తెలివైన ఆధికారులు తగినంత శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొనటం లేదు. కంట్రాక్టర్లు సంవత్సరం చివర తొందర తొందరగా యీ పనులు చేయిస్తున్నారు. కంట్రాక్టర్లు అరడుగు తప్పించాలో అడుగు తప్పించాలో చూచేవారే వ్యర్థం కనిపించటంలేదు. తహసీల్దారుగారు అఫీసులో కూర్చోనే చెక్ మెజిస్ట్రేట్ మెంట్ చేసి నట్లు ప్రాస్తున్నారు. ఏరాలు కురిసిన తర్వాత కంట్రాక్టరు చేసిన కనంతా వ్యధా అయిపోతోంది. కాబట్టి విజిన్సీ ప్రాంతాలలోని పనులు మెసర్ ఇరిగేషన్ శాఖ వారి నుంచి తప్పించి P.W.D. శాఖవారికి ఇవ్వవలసని మరల ప్రభుత్వంవారికి తెలియజేయ చున్నాను.”

* SRI N. V. RAMA RAO :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, much delay is caused in completing irrigation schemes. They are not being completed in the prescribed period. The Government say that they are going to complete certain schemes in certain districts in the five years mentioned in the Five Year Plan. But most of the schemes are not completed during the prescribed period. The Government should pay more attention to this question, viz., of completing the irrigation schemes in the prescribed period.

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“With regard to irrigation schemes, the famine areas should be given preference over other areas. There are areas similar to the famine areas of Rayalaseema in other districts. These areas also should be given priority regarding irrigation schemes. Regarding my constituency I want to say one word. Mine is the Burugupudy constituency in the Rajahmundry taluk of East Godavari district. Generally, the whole constituency is an upland area and there is some wet cultivation under some small tanks here and there. The holy river, Godavari, flows on the western side of my constituency but the lands of the ryots in my constituency are not benefited by the waters of the Godavari. The lands are cultivated with all kinds of dry crops which are dependent mainly on uncertain, unknown and precarious supply of rain water. This

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year, there were no rains in my district. The whole area in my constituency looks like the famine area of Rayalaseema. All dry crops like Budama paddy crops and others have dried away as there are no rains. People in my constituency are agitating for Torrigedda pumping scheme for many years. This is intended for providing irrigation facilities for the lands situated in more than 26 villages in my constituency. The gross area covered by these lands is about 35,000 acres. Excluding village-sites, cart-tracks and lands irrigated by small tanks, a net minimum area of 15,000 acres is sought to be irrigated by the scheme. Given the requisite water-supply and irrigation facilities these lands are capable of wet cultivation, yielding comparatively better kinds of paddy than the delta crop and the yield is estimated at the irreducible minimum of 6,000 tons. The scheme contemplates construction of a reservoir just above Purushothapatnam village opposite to Polavaram situated on the left bank of the Godavari river which will be the source of supply. There is also a natural reservoir called Ramarapu Ava measuring about 2 square miles and about 20 feet deep and it will be used for storing pumped water and drawing through two proposed channels. The head-works will consist of a pumping house to accommodate four sets of electric motors of 200 h.p.

" In the year 1943, a preliminary report on this scheme was prepared for an approximate cost of Rs. 1,30,000. But this proposal was turned down by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in his Memorandum No. 4093-37 (E.P.), dated 10th August 1943. This scheme was again taken up in 1948 and a preliminary report was sent for an approximate cost of 12 lakhs of rupees which was also ordered to be dropped by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in his Memoandum No. 2567-49/C.E.P., dated 16th June 1949. The scheme was again ordered to be taken up during the fag end of the year 1950 in letter No. 6646-50/C.I., dated 28th November 1950, by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. A preliminary report by the Superintending Engineer was sent providing for cultivation of 15,000 acres at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs including direct and indirect charges. But the detailed investigation of the scheme has not been taken up so far for want of appropriate orders from the authorities.

" Even a cursory perusal of the preliminary report on the scheme makes it abundantly clear that the scheme is a feasible and practicable one calculated to benefit the densely populated area. The scheme, if it materializes, will render the whole area not only self-sufficient but a large surplus will be available for the neighbouring deficit areas. It is also significant to note that the ayacut now proposed under the scheme comes within the irrigable area of Ramapadasagar project, and in case, the latter project were to be implemented, the pumping sets can be transferred elsewhere for similar schemes, for which there will be plenty of scope in the years to come, when cheap electrical energy will be available in the country. This scheme will not only cater to our needs in the present state of acute food scarcity but also create useful load

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for the new Machkund Electricity scheme. So I request the Government to provide funds for the implementation of this Torriggedda pumping scheme as early as possible and give incentive to the rural people of my constituency to help the Grow More Food campaign.

" I also request the Government to provide funds for the irrigation schemes of the other upland taluks of Peddapuram, Pithapuram and Tuni in the East Godavari district.

" Regarding the Agency area of my district, I fully agree with the views expressed by the hon. Member, Mr. K. Bapanna Dora and I request the Government to implement his suggestions as early as possible and help the most neglected people of the Agency area."

* SRI P. SANGAM NAIDU :— " అభ్యుదయ ప్రభుత్వంవారు ప్రవేశపెట్టిన ఈ బడ్జెటు డిమాండును నేను పూర్తిగా బలపరుస్తున్నాను. ఈ విషయములో నేను ప్రభుత్వమువారికి ఒక మనవి చేయుచున్నాను. మా క్షీణకారులం, విశాఖపట్నం జిల్లాలు రెండున్నూ వెనుకబడిన జిల్లాలు అయియున్నవి. ఈ రెండు జిల్లాలలో భ్రష్టులువంటి మైనరు ఇరిగేషన్ స్కీముల విషయంలో ప్రభుత్వమువారు విషయంగా పర్యవేక్షణ చేయలేదు. మా క్షీణకారులం జిల్లాలలో వంతెనలు, సువర్ణముఖి, నాగావర్తి, వేగావతి, బావబడ మున్నగు జీవనదులన్నవి. ఈ జీవనదుల నీటిని వ్యవసాయాభివృద్ధికిగాను ఉపయోగించుటకు ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఎవ్విధమైన ప్రాజెక్టును తలపెట్టినట్లు ఈ బడ్జెటులో కనపించలేదు. అంతేకాకుండా జమీందారీలు abolish అయిన తర్వాత తోటపల్లి project క్రింద మొదటి పంటకుగాను ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఎక్కువ నీటి పారుదలను శాంక్ష చేయించారు. గత సంవత్సరం అయిదువేల ఎకరాలకు నీరు శాంక్ష చేసినప్పటికినీ నదిలో నీరు సమృద్ధిగా భ్రష్టుపడు P.W.D. వారు నీరు సరిగా సప్లయ రానివ్వలేదు. ఈ విషయం ప్రభుత్వమువారు గమనించి సరియైన instructions P.W.D. వారికి అందజేయగలండులకు పంపిణీగారిని కోరుతున్నాను. ఈ విషయములో పంట వేయరుకుచాలా ఇబ్బందికలిగినది. ఈ జిల్లాలలో (1) తోటపల్లి రైలు బ్యాంకుకాలువ, (2) కోనెగడ్డ అనకట్టు, (3) రేవాడగడ్డ ఈమూడు ఇరిగేషన్ స్కీముల విషయములో ప్రభుత్వమువారికిని, P.W.D. వారికిని సంప్రతింపులు జరిగినవి. ఈ 1952-53 వ సం॥ బడ్జెటులో ఈ స్కీములు శాంక్ష చేయగలండులకు ప్రభుత్వంవారిని కోరుచున్నాను. అంతేకాకుండా పాలకొండ తాలూకాలో కొన్ని గ్రామాలలో low level channels కలవు. ఈ ఛానల్స్ క్రింద జమీందారీ ఛాములు నుమారు నలభై వేల ఎకరాలకుపైగా అయకట్టు భున్నది. ఈ ఛానల్స్ మరమ్మత్తు లేక పూర్తిగా పాడై వ్యవసాయమునకు ఉపయోగకరముగా లేవు. కాబట్టి ప్రభుత్వమువారు మా జిల్లాకు ఒక ఇరిగేషన్ committee శాంక్ష చేయగలండులకు కోరుచున్నాను. అదియునుగాక ఇంతవరకు ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఈ పాతకాలువలక్రింద భ్రందేలుటవంటి ఛాములు అన్నిటికి కూడా రెండవ పంటకు సాగుకు వీలుకాగలండులకు ఈ కాలువలు మరమ్మత్తు చేయించగలండులకు ప్రభుత్వమువారిని కోరుతున్నాను. ఈ స్కీము ప్రస్తుతపు 1952-53 వ సంవత్సరపు బడ్జెటులో శాంక్ష చేయించి, ఆములలో పెట్టగలండులకు ప్రభుత్వమువారిని విషయపూర్వకముగా కోరుతున్నాను."

* SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :— " Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to speak in support of the cut motion. I beg to point out that the Budget of a Welfare State should be so framed as to look after

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the interests of the poor and the needy. We all know that the well-to-do can look after themselves. The attention of a Welfare State should be concentrated on the backward and undeveloped areas rather than on fertile and developed areas. It will be noted that this principle has not been applied by the Government in choosing the places where the community projects have to be worked. Only, places which are comparatively advanced and developed have been chosen to work out the community projects. This is regrettable.

“ Now coming to my constituency, Jayangondan in Udaiyarpalayam taluk of Tiruchirappalli district, the irrigation and other facilities available for that place are very deplorable. About a thousand years ago this place ought to have been very fertile and self-sufficient, because in those days Rajendrachola founded his headquarters in this area and the place was named, in commemoration of his conquest of countries up to the Ganges, as Gangaikondacholapuram. This place which was a big city then, is now only a village and it is a place of pilgrimage even now. There is also a big temple in that place, one of the biggest in Tamilnad. The king of that period ought to have chosen this place for his headquarters because of its fertility and other irrigation facilities. Even now there are signs to indicate that big tanks ought to have existed then. Now they are all dilapidated and this place is very backward.

“ In this connexion, I think it would not be out of place to refer to the scarcity of drinking water in this taluk. The whole taluk is just like a plateau. Even if one digs a well up to 50 or 60 feet one cannot find water. The only course open to the people to find drinking water is to store up rain water. Therefore if normal rains should fail, the people will be put to very great difficulty. It has been their bitter experience these past four years that they were not able to get even drinking water as normal rains failed. Again there is danger in drinking the stored up water in the tanks. The soil in almost all the villages is reddish and easily soluble and the water has a density of 1.5 to 2.0. Therefore, if people take this water, they become victims to a disease called guineaworm. Modern medical science has not found a cure for this disease and people in these villages, poor landless labourers and peasants, are suffering from this disease for about two to three months at a time. Normally one can find in villages, 20 to 30 per cent of the people suffering from this disease. This is the result of want of good drinking water. Even in taluk centres like Jayangondan where there is a high school as well as taluk offices, people suffer from want of drinking water. They have to go 2 to 3 miles away from the town to get drinking water. Due to the failure of the monsoon people are purchasing drinking water at the rate of an anna or two a pot. This is the condition prevailing in a taluk centre like Jayangondan. Again there is another big village, Ponparappa where there is a full fledged high school. Last year the condition was so acute that teachers posted to the school did not join and the teachers and students were about to leave the place and the school was on the point of being closed

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down. This was mainly due to want of drinking water. At that critical time the President of the District Board came to the rescue. He supplied about two to three water lorries. The lorries brought water from a village 5 miles off and supplied it to the teachers and students. Many important villages in this tract are in the same condition. I am referring to all this because, if some major irrigation schemes are undertaken in this part of the district, this problem could be solved. Already people in this taluk have preferred mahazars to Government to sanction at least one major irrigation scheme for this place. They want to divert the waters of the Ayyar river which is taking its source in Kolli hills, to this Udaiyarpalayam taluk. If this is done it will be of great help to them. It will supply them water for irrigation and also for drinking.

"Now, Sir, coming to the minor irrigation projects, there are, I think, three schemes which have already been investigated by the Government and estimates are ready. The schemes are: The Pullambadi canal scheme, The Kulunur tank scheme and the Soripurathan tank scheme. I request Government to take up these and other tank improvement schemes.

"One word more before I finish. Regarding the Krishna-Pennar project, my Andhra friends and gentlemen are taking rather a narrow view that the waters of Krishna should not be brought to Tamilnad, to South Arcot and other districts. I submit that South Arcot, North Arcot and Chittoor through which this Krishna water is to be made to flow are very dry tracts and if Krishna-Pennar water is brought to these places, it will be of very great benefit to Tamilnad."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member Mr. Ari Gowder will now speak."

SRI H. B. ARI GOWDER:—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was not inclined to speak on this Demand. I thought I would be called upon to speak on Demand IX. However, having been called by the Hon. Speaker, I would like to say a few words on this Demand"

MR. SPEAKER:—"If the hon. Member is not willing to speak on this Demand, I will call some other hon. Member to speak. The hon. Member Mr. Rami Reddi may speak now."

SRI A. RAMI REDDI:—"అధ్యక్షా, ఇరిగేషన్ పద్ధతులు బలపరచే ముందు ఆంధ్రదేశములోని ప్రజలు ఇరిగేషన్ ప్రాజెక్టులు లేని కారణముచేత పడుచున్న కొన్ని ఇబ్బందులను గురించి తెలిపవలయుచున్నాను. గవర్నమెంటువారికి కొన్ని సహాయములు చేయవలయుచున్నాను. ఆంధ్రదేశములో ముఖ్యమైన రెండు మహానదులు కలభ. ఆ మహానదులు ఆంధ్రదేశములో కొన్ని వందల మైళ్ల పొడువున ప్రవహించుచున్నవి. ఈ మహానదుల నీటిని సరే లోయలలోని ప్రజలు ఉపయోగించుకొనవలసిన ఎంతో కాలంనుంచి ఆశించుచున్నారు. ఈ నదులలోని నీటితో ఆ ప్రాంత భూములను సాగులోనికి తెచ్చుట చాలా సులభము. ఇంతకాలంనుంచి కృష్ణా జలాలను ఎప్పటికైనా ఉపయోగించుకోగలము, ఎప్పటికైనా మా భూములు సశ్యక్తములం కాగలవు అని ఆశించుచున్నటువంటి కృష్ణా తీరవాసులు ఈ కృష్ణా-పెన్నార్ ప్రాజెక్టు ప్రాముఖ్యమును

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చాలా భయపడుతున్నారు. కృష్ణా జిలాలను, కృష్ణా నది ప్రవహించుచున్న ప్రాంతాలకు గాకుండా, వేరొక ప్రక్కకు లిపుడలచుకుంటే ఆంధ్రదేశములోని ప్రజలు అస్యథా భావిస్తారనే విషయాన్ని నేను మనవి చేయదలచుకొన్నాను. ఈ మధ్య కృష్ణా-వెన్నూర్ ప్రాజెక్టును ప్రభుత్వమువారు నిర్మించదలచుకొన్నట్లు చేయబడిన ప్రకటనలను చూచి చాలా ఆశ్చర్యపడ్డాను. ఈ ప్రాజెక్టువల్ల కృష్ణానదికి ఇరు ప్రక్కల ఉన్న కృష్ణా, గుంటూరు, నెల్లూరు జిల్లాలు అభివృద్ధివెండవు. ఎక్కడో దక్షిణాదిక ఉన్న జిల్లాల ఉపముగార్లం కృష్ణా నీటిని వందలాది మైళ్ళ క్రిందకు తీసుకోనిపోవడం ఆన్యాయమని మనవి చేస్తున్నాను. కృష్ణానీటిని ఆ ప్రాంతీయ ప్రజల ఆవసరములను తీర్చిన తరువాత, అప్పటి ప్రజలకు నష్టజెప్పి ఇతర ప్రాంతాలకు తీసుకోనిపోవుట భయమని ప్రభుత్వము వారికి విన్నవిస్తున్నాను. అంతేకాకుండా కృష్ణా తీరవాసులను నష్ట పరచే ప్రాజెక్టుకు నిర్మించడం సబబు కాదు. కృష్ణానదిపై ఏ ఆనకట్ట నిర్మించదలచినను కృష్ణా ప్రాంతీయుల ఆవసరాలను విస్తరించవద్దని, కృష్ణాతీర భూముల సాగుకుమించిన నీరు కృష్ణలో కనుక ఉన్నట్లయితే దానిని ఇతర ప్రాంతములకు తీసుకోనిపోవుటకు ఆంధ్రులకు ఎట్టి ఆభ్యంతరము ఉండదని మనవిచేస్తున్నాను.

“ఇప్పటి కృష్ణా డెల్టా క్రింద ఉన్న భూములకు నీటిని సరఫరాచేసే విషయంలో రైతులు పడుచున్న ఇబ్బందులగురించి కూడా ప్రభుత్వమువారి దృష్టికి లేదలచుకొన్నాను. కృష్ణా నదికి బెజవాడ వద్ద ఉన్న ఆనకట్టవల్ల ఇప్పుడు కృష్ణా, గుంటూరు జిల్లాలలో కొంత భాగము సాగు చేయబడుతోంది. గుంటూరు జిల్లాలోని భూములకు నీటిని స్వల్పచేసే కాలవను కృష్ణా వెస్ట్రెన్ బాంక్ కెనాల్ అని అంటారు. గుంటూరు జిల్లాలోని కృష్ణా డెల్టాలో వరిపై రేకాకుండా పసుపు పైరు కూడా ఉన్నదనే విషయం అందరకు తెలిసినటువంటిదే. పసుపు పంటకు ఋతువుయొక్క చివరి రోజులలో నీరు సరిగా అందక పైరు చాలావరకు పాడైపోతున్నది. ఈ విషయమై రైతులు ఎన్ని సార్లు మొర పెట్టుకున్నప్పటికీ ఉద్యోగులు వినుటలేదు. అధికారులు ఈ విధంగా రైతుల ఇబ్బందులను గుర్తించకపోవడంవల్ల ఈ మధ్య ఆసేక సువత్సరాలుగా పసుపు పంట పాడైపోతున్నది. నీరు సరిగా సరఫరాకావడంలేదని రైతులు ఎన్ని విధాల విన్నవించుకొనినా అధికారులు నదిలో నీరు తక్కువగావున్నది, నీరు ఇవ్వలేము అంటున్నారు. నీరు సముద్రంలోనికి అనవసరంగా పోతోందని చెప్పినా వారు విన్నారు. హెచ్చు నీటిని వ్యవసాయానికిగాను నిలువజేయవలసినదని చెప్పినను వారు ఏమీ శ్రద్ధ తీసుకోవడంలేదు. నదిలో నీరు ఉన్నది ఇవ్వమని కోరినా వారు నీరు లేదనే అంటారుగాని రైతులకు ఎటువంటి ఉపకారముచేయుటలేదు. ఇంజనీర్ల అభిప్రాయాన్ని ఎవ్వరూ కాదనలేదు. వారి అభిప్రాయము technical అభిప్రాయము కాబట్టి దానిని కాదనటానికి ఎవరికి తాహతులేదు. ఇంజనీర్ల రైతుల ఇబ్బందులను గమనించవలెనని పంటలు కాపాడవలసిన అవసరం వచ్చినపుడు వారు కొంత ఉదారంగా ఉండవలెనని ప్రభుత్వం వారు ఇంజనీర్లకు ఉత్తరువులు పంపగోర్రాను.

4 p.m. “పసుపు పంట అయిపోయిన తరువాత మా జిల్లాలో సాధారణంగా రెండవ పంటగా పెసరి, పిల్లి పెసరి మొదలైనవి వేస్తారు. వాటికికూడా సరిగా నీరు సరఫరాకాక చాలాచోట్ల రైతులు ఇబ్బందులుపడుతున్నారు. నదిలో నీరు సముద్ధిగా ఉన్నప్పుడు దానిని నిలువచేయుటకు తగిన ప్రయత్నములు చేయక ఎంతో నీటిని సముద్రముపాలు చేయుటచేతనే రెండవ పైరు చాలా నష్టపడుతోందని మనవిచేస్తున్నాను. కాలవలలో ప్రవహించే నీరుకూడా కొంత పృథాఅవుతోంది. ఇటువంటి పృథాను అరికట్టి పైరులకు తగినంత నీరు ఇప్పించే విధాన్ని చేయవలెనని ప్రభుత్వంవారిని కోరుచున్నాను.

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“ ఈ మధ్య మా దుస్థిరాల నియోజకవర్గంలోని కొన్ని గ్రామాలకు సమృద్ధిగా నీరు సఫల్యము చేయవలసిన ఉద్దేశ్యంతో గవర్నమెంటువారు ఒక స్కీమును శౌకర్ చేసి ఉన్నారు. ఈ స్కీమును అమలుపరచినందువల్ల అక్కడ రెండు పంటలు పండించవచ్చు. వాటిలో ఒకటి లాంగ్ క్రాప్, రెండవది షార్ట్ క్రాప్. లాంగ్ క్రాప్ కు నీరు నవంబరు పదివరకే ఇస్తామని అంటున్నారు. దీనివల్ల డైరుకు చివరి రోజులలో సరిగా నీరు సఫల్యముకాక రైతులు చాలా బాధలుపడవలసి వస్తుంది. నీరు లేకపోవడంవల్ల పంట పండదు. జూన్ నెలనుంచే డైరుకు నీరు ఇవ్వవలసివుంది. జూన్ లో నీరు ఇస్తేనే కాని పంట పండదు. కాని అధికారులు నీటిని ఆగస్టు 15 వ తేదీకి ఇస్తామంటున్నారు. ఆగస్టులో నీరు ఇచ్చి నవంబరులో కట్టివేస్తామంటే పంట ఏలా పండుతుందో వరి డైరు ఋతువును దీనికి ఎటువంటి సంబంధం ఉన్నదో నాకేమీ అర్థం కావడంలేదు.”

* SRI A. S. SUBBARAJ :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to heartily support the Demand under Irrigation. The Bodinayakanur constituency of Madurai district is a zamindari area. There are no perennial rivers and the people have to depend on monsoons which have become scanty nowadays. There are many tanks in my constituency which are useful for irrigation and which are not taken proper care of and the capacity of the tanks also is not sufficient to meet the irrigation needs of the area. There are other irrigation works in my constituency which can be taken up at a small expense and thousands of acres of fallow land can be easily brought under cultivation. There is the Chinnar irrigation scheme, which has already been brought to the notice of the Government, and if this is taken up, the deficit district of Madurai will become a surplus district. Moreover, Uthamapalayam taluk is contiguous to the Travancore-Cochin State, where many a river flows waste into the Arabian Sea. The waters of Kallar river can be easily diverted to Madurai district by moving the Central Government, and the food problem in that district solved once and for all. Thank you, Sir.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, before I proceed to reply to the various criticisms that have been made on this Demand, I should like to thank the hon. Members for their moderate criticism and for their not being vehement in pressing their claims. They have realized the seriousness of the situation and so, they have moderated their claims to a very great extent. The hon. the Leader of the Opposition has mentioned two or three points. He said that, so far as the Krishna-Pennar project is concerned, the previous Government did not take into consideration the view of the Opposition Members and that they practically rode roughshod over the Opposition, as it were. I may submit, Sir, for the consideration of this House, that, whatever their policy might have been, this scheme as prepared by the Madras Government has been submitted to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission, in its turn, has referred it to a technical committee. No decision will be taken till the technical committee gives its report. Yesterday, the Hon. Chief Minister intervening in this debate, gave an assurance that so far as this project is concerned, the Leader of the Opposition will be given

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all opportunities to discuss it in detail at the time, when the scheme is to be finalized and that should satisfy all the Members of this House.

“ The Leader of the Opposition also said that the Vamsadhara scheme had been neglected by the previous Government, that the Vamsadhara scheme and the Lower Bhavani scheme, were taken up for consideration, that the Lower Bhavani scheme was certainly less productive and less remunerative than the Vamsadhara scheme and that on account of some partiality, the Lower Bhavani scheme was taken up whereas the Vamsadhara scheme was not taken up for execution.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Sir, I did not use the word ‘ partiality ’ ”.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The Hon. Minister is not yielding.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ It is very good for the Hon. Minister to yield because there can be cordial exchanges. I did not use the word ‘ partiality ’. I only said that one has progressed while the other is still in the stage of investigation.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ You can be very plain in saying that this Vamsadhara scheme has not been taken up for execution. Whatever it is, I want to take the House into confidence as to why the Vamsadhara scheme has not been taken up for execution. Sir, I wish to tell the House that the Vamsadhara scheme stands on a much better footing than the Lower Bhavani project in point of productivity or in point of return. The point against the Vamsadhara scheme being taken up immediately was that the details of availability of water were not available. But, with regard to the Lower Bhavani scheme, the details of availability of water were available because the Cauvery delta is fully developed.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the figures in regard to the availability of water in Vamsadhara are available to-day at least, after five years? ”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ I am only submitting to this House that investigation on the Vamsadhara scheme is still going on and it is a scheme which is likely to be taken up also. My predecessor received a deputation of Members from Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts and one of the deputations was probably Mr. V. V. Giri, who is now Minister for Labour in the Central Government. The deputation pressed upon the Public Works Minister that this Vamsadhara scheme should be taken up and they were told that the scheme would be taken up after investigation. Even with the little data we have on that, I find that this scheme is much more remunerative than the Lower Bhavani project.

“ Another point that has been mentioned by Mr. Viswanatham, the Leader of the Opposition, is in regard to the assessment that is levied under the Mettur project. He said that, at the time when the Mettur project was started, the ryots promised to pay Rs. 15 per acre whereas when the amount came to be actually

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collected only Rs. 5 per acre was levied. I submit, Sir, that it is very correct and there are various reasons for coming down from Rs. 15 to Rs. 5 per acre. I am told that this was done towards the end of nineteen thirties. It is not as if this has been done by the present Government and partiality shown to the ryots getting water from the Mettur project.

“ My friend Mr. Viswanatham, who was connected in some way with the previous administration in 1937, should have raised his voice of protest and pleaded for enhancing the rate to rupees fifteen. Even during 1947, when Mr. Viswanatham had something to do with the Madras Government, he should have raised his voice for the enhancement of the rate from Rs. 5 to Rs. 15.”

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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Sir, it is true that in 1937 the question was raised. It was said on that occasion, that it was a concessional rate. That rate was continued from 1937 up to the end of last year. In 1946-47, it is true, I had to do something with the Government of that day. But I was not everything in the Government and the hon. Member sitting opposite to me knows very well that the Government itself was not everything in those days and so the concessional rate was continued. I only asked the Hon. Minister to compare the rates at Mettur with those at other places and do what he thinks is necessary.”

* **THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI** :—“ I would like to tell hon. Members of this House that, so far as taxing the ryots was concerned, there were many anomalies. As a member of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee I had occasion to see many of the anomalies in our present system of land revenue. I know very well that justice should be done in several cases. I shall submit, for the consideration of this House, the report of that Committee at a later stage and I do welcome useful suggestions from hon. Members. I can assure hon. Members that where justice should be done, it will be done.

“ I would like to answer the point which has been repeatedly raised by not only all hon. Members on the other side but some from this side of the House also, viz., that this Government have formulated a policy of not investigating any new schemes because they think that any new investigation at the present moment would be a futile one. Let me tell hon. Members of this House that such a policy would be pursued only for the time being. It is not a ban for the future but only for the present. May I assure hon. Members that that will not be our policy in the years to come. Taking into consideration the fact that we are at present not able even to pursue our existing schemes, I told the House that it would be futile to think of investigating future schemes.

“ The hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Viswanatham, has stated that, in Visakhapatnam district, the Government entered into agreement with certain contractors for the execution of some projects, and that later, the projects were abandoned because the Government did not have the necessary funds to finance them. He has also said that the contractors if they wanted, could take

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legal action against the Government. May I tell the hon. Leader of the Opposition that Government would be fully prepared to meet any legal issue arising out of the transactions?

“ Hon. Members of this House may be fully aware that we do not have sufficient funds to push through the schemes that have been sanctioned. When such is the case, why should we waste money on investigating new schemes when we know only too well that enormous cost is involved in preparing plans and estimates? When prices are soaring high and when we are not able to find the necessary funds, why should we incur further expenditure in preparing plans and estimates for future schemes without any surety whatsoever that those schemes could be financed? Not only that. The cost of preparation of plans and estimates is prohibitive. We have to pay the overseers, engineers and all those connected with investigation. This was the simple reason why I said that the investigation of any new schemes at the present juncture would be futile. In this connexion, I would like to draw the attention of hon. Members to the fact that schemes, which were thoroughly investigated well-nigh six years ago, have not yet been taken up for want of finance.

“ The hon. Leader of the Opposition has remarked that during 1946-47, there was a windfall, the Madras State got something to the tune of six to seven crores of rupees to finance their irrigation projects, but because the Government in office at that time had no detailed plans and estimates, they surrendered the whole amount. May be, that was the case while the previous Government was in power. I do not know what happened previously; but I can assure the House that no such occasion will arise in future. If the centre were to come forward with such a grant, we will immediately take it without leaving even a single pie. I would very much appreciate, if hon. Members can secure us more grants from the centre.

“ Many hon. Members have said that adequate provision has not been made in this Budget for some of our existing irrigation projects. They have pleaded for more money being allotted for the same. Let me tell those hon. Members that, so far as irrigation is concerned, this Demand should be looked into, in conjunction with two other Demands under the heads XXXV and XXVI. If these three Demands are added up, hon. Members of this House may see that as much as Rs. 12,76,00,000 is being spent for the irrigational development of our State. I may state, for the information of the House, that this is the largest figure that we have spent under ‘Irrigation’ during the last five years. As a comparison, let me give the figures for 1950-51 and 1951-52. During the year 1950-51, we spent Rs. 712 lakhs and during 1951-1952 we spent Rs. 1,174 lakhs. That shows that the present budget provision is the biggest. I may submit, Sir, that when such is the case, there is no justification in saying that sufficient provision has not been made for pushing through our existing projects.

“ It is rather unfortunate, Sir, that Rayalaseema and some parts of our State have been subject to famine. This State has

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incurred a lot of expenditure in alleviating the distress caused by the famine. Members from all sides have expressed their sympathy for Rayalaseema, and have also stated that Rayalaseema deserves special consideration. I am really grateful to the House for showing that sympathy. It is not correct to say that much has not been done by the Madras State for the prevention of famine in Rayalaseema nor is it very correct to say that Madras State has neglected or has been indifferent towards Rayalaseema. May I point out, Sir, that so far as Rayalaseema is concerned, Government have not been silent at all. They have undertaken many irrigation projects for the development of Rayalaseema. Take for instance the Tungabhadra Project. Surely it is not a minor project."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ It is a project which has been started by the previous Government.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ My hon. friend forgets that this Government came to power only on the 10th of April 1952. My hon. friend should appreciate that we are continuing the projects which were taken on hand by the previous Government. It is futile to argue that this Government have not taken the initiative to push through this scheme or that. With our present resources, we have done the maximum that could be done.

“ So far as Anantapur is concerned, the hon. Member, Mr. Nagi Reddi had asked what it is that this Government have done. Let me tell my hon. friend that Upper-Pennar, Pennar-Kumudavathi and Bhairavanithippa Projects which were taken up by the previous Government for execution, are being continued by the present Government. It is wrong to say that so far as backward areas were concerned, the Government had almost neglected them. Let me also tell my hon. friend that so far as these three projects are concerned, the yield is not going to be even 1 per cent. In fact, it is going to be 0.5 per cent, i.e., eight annas for every hundred rupees spent on that account. Even though the yield is so poor the Government have taken on hand these projects. That is something to be taken note of.

“ What I want to impress on this House is, that hon. Members should not spoil a good case by giving exaggerated reports. My friend just opposite (Mr. T. Nagi Reddi) said that there were many cases of starvation deaths in Rayalaseema. I have got facts and figures which will clearly prove that what the hon. Member said is wrong.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ The Hon. Minister is giving his own information. If he were to come with me, I will show him the sufferings of the people.”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ I am not exaggerating as my hon. friend does. These are facts.”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ If the Hon. Minister would be kind enough to go through ‘ Andhra Prabha ’, he may know the facts.”

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* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ It is not necessary for me to go through what the ‘ Andhra Prabha ’ says. I have got on hand the correct reports. (Interruption.) Yes; men may be dying and they die in every place, not only in Rayalaseema.

“ With regard to the death rate the average rate in other parts of the State is 16·20 per thousand, whereas in Rayalaseema it is 15·68.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ On a point of order, Sir.”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ I won't yield.”

* MR. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member says it is a point of order.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ I should like to know, Mr. Speaker, whether the subject of death-rate also comes under his portfolio.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ That is not a point of order.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ My friend should realise that a point of order was raised by the hon. Member, who is sitting by his side, and he should be able to tell him that this is not the stage for him to say that people are dying on account of starvation. When he makes an attack on the present Government by saying that there are deaths by starvation because the Government have been indifferent, because the Government have not provided proper amenities, because the people are very badly off economically, and all that, it is certainly my duty to tell this House and the people outside that people do not die certainly of starvation in Rayalaseema. As I have already said, the death rate in Rayalaseema is not higher than the rate elsewhere; on the other hand, it is much less. And when the number of deaths there is lower, you can easily draw your own inference. Again, the birth-rate in Rayalaseema is much greater than in other places. Let me tell the House, that according to the figures supplied, the increase in population in Rayalaseema between 1941 and 1951, is about 12 per cent, while in the other parts of the State, it is only 10 per cent. What is it that you gather from this? I am only trying to prove that the argument that there are deaths by starvation is not at all correct. Please, therefore, do not exaggerate; please be moderate in your language; please say, ‘ We want this project or that project to be taken up ’. I have no objection to your saying that; we will certainly take your suggestion into consideration, and we won't do what the previous administration has done. Even to-day, I may assure the House, so far as the policy of this Government is concerned, we have not fixed any percentage of return for taking up any of the projects. I said this even on the day when I moved this Demand. In the matter of the development of irrigation, the Government are pursuing a liberal policy, of taking up and executing schemes not solely on considerations of direct financial return on the capital outlay, but also having due regard to the need for augmenting the supply of food and improving the well-being of

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the people. What more do you want? We are not saying, 'This Project should give us 1 per cent or 2 or 3 per cent return'. And so far as the Anantapur district is concerned, my hon. friend should really be grateful that we are taking up a scheme which does not give even 0.5 per cent return. This Government, therefore, have been showing a great concession in this respect to Anantapur. You may, of course, say that in Rayalaseema many more projects should be taken up. I say it may be true; there are tracts not only in Rayalaseema but in other parts of the State which require particular help in this way. The real point, however, to be decided is, which of them should be given top priority. The House very well knows that we are now suffering from a deficit of food, and, therefore, we are taking up not those projects which will give a small return or a good return, but only those which will give food and go some way to cover our food deficit. When I say that, it does not mean that we are not going to give any consideration to the backward areas. Other friends also have stated that such considerations, as I have referred to, should not be taken into account at all, so long as our immediate object continues to be the covering of the food deficit. Even with regard to the question of giving up the investigation work, it is only a temporary affair. We are now in a financial stringency, as it were. When our financial position improves, we will certainly revise our policy. Our friends will remember that, at one time, there was a fixed percentage of return expected in the case of all projects to be taken up, like, 4, 5 and 6 per cent on the capital outlay. Then this policy was revised and the Government thought: 'Let us not have this percentage return for our projects; if we continue to take up projects on that basis, how can we improve the backward areas in the State?' That is why they fixed a lower percentage. In the same way, after some time, when our financial position improves, there will be a revision of our policy. For the present, the policy is to consider 'which is likely to be more useful, which will give us immediate relief?' As I said, even that policy is only temporary; and the moment our financial condition improves, we shall have all the projects, which will improve the backward areas, taken up for execution, and we shall also have more and more of such projects and schemes investigated.

'Some friends have criticised that this State is confining its attention to the bigger schemes and not giving any attention to the smaller schemes. As a matter of fact, the bigger the scheme, the longer will be the time for getting results; and on that account alone, I submit this is not the time for taking up the bigger schemes for execution. For instance, if we want to dam the waters of the big and perennial rivers, we must certainly think of taking up big schemes; but they would take eight or nine years for execution and completion. Can any Member of this House point out any big scheme which could be finished in one or two years from now and which could be taken up immediately? It is not possible in the nature of things. Take the Tungabhadra Project as an instance, or take the Machkund project. Or even take the Krishna-Pennar scheme. I am not saying

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now that it is going to be implemented. I simply say, if you want to implement it, it will take ten or fifteen years. But the Lower Bhavani project was started in 1949 and it is likely to be completed in three years. It is, therefore, wrong to say that any big scheme should be taken up immediately and completed in one or two years. After all, if any big irrigation project is to be taken up, it is only for the purpose of getting some benefit when there is no normal rainfall. If there is normal rainfall, even the few small irrigation sources we already have will have a plentiful supply of water and that will go a long way to relieve our distress and suffering. If, however, you want to make provision for relief of distress and suffering for all time to come, both when there is normal rainfall and when there is not, then you will have to think of taking up big irrigation projects; and quite naturally, they will take a long time for completion. At the same time, I concede that if you want to improve the country, you should think of harnessing the waters of all big rivers and take up the execution of big projects.

“ My Friend, Mr. Chidanandam, and my Friend, Mr. Ramiah from Jammalamadugu, have complained that the Gandikota project has not been taken up, although estimates have been prepared for the same. It is true, Sir; but two or three other schemes have been taken up and in regard to them, it is this same river that has to be banded up and it is the waters of the same river that are to be utilised in the same Anantapur district. Are you going to spend all the money you can spend on this Gandikota project, which is likely to irrigate a lakh or two lakhs of acres and then wait for a short time and then see whether the waters of the Krishna could not be harnessed for augmenting the supply of water to this Gandikota project? If you want to get the water from Krishna, it will cost about Rs. 4 crores. It is always very economic to take up a big project and uneconomic to take up a small one. There is no point, therefore, in my Friend complaining that the Gandikota project has not been taken up. It is not proper for my Friends to say this; on the other hand, it is their duty to see that somehow Rayalaseema is developed and somehow the waters of the Krishna are brought down and used for augmenting the supply available by the Gandikota project.

“ Again, let me submit to this House that it is not correct to say, that the Government are not bestowing any attention on the execution of minor irrigation projects. As I said, when I moved the Demand, there are three kinds of schemes; first, the grow more food schemes, otherwise called the intensive cultivation schemes which include small irrigation schemes, which were started about the end of 1948. The Government have sanctioned 308 schemes at a cost of Rs. 424 lakhs; of these 139 schemes have been completed, and the remaining schemes are in various stages of execution. The total ayacut under these schemes is 69,300 acres and works in progress will add an ayacut of 80,000 acres.

“ With regard to Tank Improvement Schemes, my friend, the Leader of the Opposition in his speech indicated that there were

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35,000 irrigation tanks and only a few of them have been taken up for repairs. I should like to submit that probably it was quite unnecessary for him to give the figure 35,000”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ We know it.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ You may know it, but if you had known it, you should also have known that every one of those tanks does not need repairs. Some of them have already been taken up for repairs, and some of them, as I said, do not require any repairs at all. Even with regard to these”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ The Hon. Minister says, Sir, that if I knew there were 35,000 tanks, I must also have known that all of them did not require repairs. May I ask him whether he has made a survey of these tanks? I may say 70 or 80 per cent of these tanks have become silted up and are not expected to hold sufficient quantity of water when rains come, and the average rainfall also is gradually decreasing.”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ He has only corroborated my statement, Sir, that not all the tanks stand in need of repairs.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ I say they do require repairs, Sir.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ My point is that he may say that the Government are not able to take up the repairs of all the tanks, but how can he say that all of them are in need of repairs”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ Everywhere they are silted up; that is the complaint from every side. Anyway, it is not going to be a wordy warfare, Sir.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ So far as the Madras State is concerned, it is quite patent from all these complaints that we have bitten more than we can chew and that we are now reaping the fruits of the policy of the previous administration; if only a good number of these schemes had been taken up for execution, we would not be faced with the situation we are faced with to-day. It is really unfortunate and it is really painful also to see that some schemes which could have been taken up and executed by now were not taken up. Please do not think that because I am now on this side of the House, I am trying to say that the schemes may be postponed, or any such thing; it is no pleasure for me to say that I have to give up some of them. Therefore, please do not criticise this Government, when we say that we are hard-pressed to find the necessary funds and, therefore, we have to give up some of the schemes. Hon. Members say: ‘ No, no; you should find the funds!’; but the moment a taxation Bill is introduced, everybody gets up and says, ‘ I oppose the taxation tooth and nail’. If you are going to say that you will not pay more by way of taxes, then how can the Government shoulder the responsibility of financing all these schemes? You cannot have the cake and eat it too. Either you should say that you will give

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us some money, or you should be satisfied with what we are doing. Within the amount we are able to spend, we are trying our very best to see that all the schemes are being executed.

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“Then, Sir, some of my hon. Friends said that many of the projects which they are fond of, have not been included in the Five-Year Plan and asked who was responsible for that. Let me remind them that the Five-Year Plan has not been prepared by this Government. The Madras Government have only been consulted and the plan has actually been prepared by the Centre. Only the Tungabhadra and Lower Bhavani Projects have been included in the First Part of the Five-Year Plan. The other schemes have not been included. It is not the fault of this Government if those schemes have not been included. I may also state for the information of this House, that there is another plan, the Supplementary Plan which includes 11 projects. If you want to include any project in the plan, that project should have been investigated and estimates therefor prepared and then only the Centre would accept the project. Otherwise, it would not be included.”

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—“Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. ఇంతకుముందు శాసనసభలో వేసిన 131 వ ప్రశ్నకు మద్రాసు ప్రభుత్వము చేసినటువంటి ప్రకటనలో ఈ క్రింది ఫలానా స్కీములు పంచవర్ష ప్రణాళికలో చేర్చాము అని చెప్పారు. కాని ఈ వేళ్ళ ఈ స్కీములు మేము ఇవ్వలేదు, కేరళ ప్రభుత్వమే ఇచ్చారని చెప్పారు. వారి ఈ రెండు ప్రకటనలు పరస్పర విరుద్ధమైతే కానీ అని అడుగుచున్నాను. Sir, vide answer to Legislative Council starred question No. 180, the following paper was placed on the table of the House :—

“The following are the several irrigation and power schemes proposed by this Government for inclusion in the plan :—

- (1) Krishna-Pennar Project.
- (2) Vaigai Reservoir.
- (3) Gandikota.
- (4) Amaravathy Reservoir.
- (5) Kanhirapuzha Reservoir”

MR. SPEAKER :—“That is not a point of order.”

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—“The Hon. Minister just now said that this Government are not proposing any schemes for inclusion in the plan and that it is only the Central Government that are proposing the schemes. But here is the Madras Government proposing schemes for inclusion in the plan. Therefore, is it not out of order when he says that this Government have not proposed any schemes to the Central Government.”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“I can now understand why the hon. Member was speaking in Telugu. I could realise his difficulties. He is not able to understand what the paper contains. The interpellation only refers to schemes which have been included in the Supplementary Plan and not in the original plan. The Madras Government have recommended those schemes but so far as the actual inclusion is concerned, it is done

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by the Centre. Please read once again what is contained in the paper and then tell me tomorrow." (Laughter.)

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI:—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. మంత్రిగారు మొట్టమొదట ఈ విషయముపై చెప్పినప్పుడు క్రీస్తా జలాన్ని గురించి మేము ఏ రకమైన వాదనలు చేసినా సరే, ఆ వాదనలకు opposition ను కనుగొని అందరి యొక్క అనుమతిని పొంది, అవిధంగా దానిని implement చేస్తామని అన్నారు. కాని, ఇప్పుడు కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి ఈ మద్రాసు ప్రభుత్వము దీనిని ఎందువల్ల recommend చేసింది? ఆ recommendation ప్రభుత్వము withdraw చేసు కొంటుందా?"

* **THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:**—"I have said enough on that point and I am not going to add or subtract anything. Well, Sir, various members have pointed out that in their constituencies there are some projects which have not been taken up for immediate execution. I should apologise to this House that I am not familiar with the names of those projects and I have had very little time to consider the feasibility or otherwise of those projects but I can assure them that this Government will give their best attention to the schemes which deserve to be taken up.

"With regard to Malabar and South Kanara, some hon. Members have been complaining that their districts have been neglected and nothing has been done. I am only thinking aloud and it strikes me that there is something strange in the nature of the soil in Malabar and South Kanara. Malabar is more literate than the rest of this State and has produced persons of great eminence and distinguished politicians. So also South Kanara has produced many great doctors. But how does it happen that Malabar is neglected in the matter of irrigation facilities? As I said, I find also from the records that there is a heavy rainfall in Malabar. This heavy rainfall itself is an enemy to Malabar because it is said, that on account of heavy rainfall there, it is not possible to execute irrigation projects as they themselves will get damaged. That is one of the reasons why Malabar is not having any irrigation project as compared with other districts in the State, which are having some kind of project or other. But now in Malabar, one of the biggest projects is under execution—Malampuzha Project—and this year the Centre also has given a loan of Rs. 1 crore and there is no question of that project being slowed down. There are some other projects, for which estimates are ready, and in course of time if our financial position improves, we will take them up for execution.

"With regard to South Kanara, there is also the problem of land tenure looming large—who is to pay the betterment contribution and all those things. There are insuperable difficulties in the way and that is why, big irrigation projects have not been taken up there.

"Sir, my hon. Friends from Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam complained that nothing had been done in their districts by way of drainage schemes. May I submit that two big flood bank control schemes have been taken up to give protection from erosion by sea or by river?"

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“As for the Budameru scheme, recently a deputation waited on the Hon. Chief Minister and expressed their readiness to contribute some amount towards the cost of this scheme. The Hon. Chief Minister was pleased to state that the scheme would be examined thoroughly and, I hope, some relief could be given to the people.

“My hon. Friend, Mr. Muthiah Chettiar, said that the ryots are willing to contribute some amount towards the cost of some projects. Well, Sir, that is a good thing and when the contribution comes, this Government will consider the request of the ryots.

“Sir, one hon. Member suggested that the Agency Tracts have been completely neglected. I must state that a Special Officer has been appointed to investigate the conditions of people living in those tracts, and some amenities have already been provided. Of course, I am not in charge of the Agency areas. Mr. Pattabhi Rama Rao is in charge of them and when the time comes, he will give a suitable reply. I should think that I have covered most of the points that have been raised in this debate. (Interruption.)

“About the Palar Basin, there was vehement criticism that the Mysore Government have violated the agreement which was entered into in 1892. So far as my knowledge goes, it is not correct to say that the Mysore Government have violated the terms of the agreement. On the other hand, it is the people here who brought more lands under cultivation and who have been scrambling for more water and, therefore, this difficulty for more water has been experienced. So far as the Mysore Government are concerned, they are within their terms, as it were, and are using only that much of water as is allowed under the terms of the agreement. Anyway, it does not prevent this Government from again negotiating with the Mysore Government for getting more water. But I only want to dispel the impression, which has been created in the minds of many hon. Members, that Mysore has violated the terms of the agreement.

“As for the Pullambadi and Kattalai schemes, there are difficulties in regard to storage of water in the reservoir. There has been a certain agreement and under the terms of the agreement, it would be rather difficult to get more supply of water into the reservoir. We are trying our level best to see that the storage of water is increased. Till this is done, both these schemes, as originally proposed, cannot be taken up for execution. But in the alternative, some other schemes are being thought of and if under those schemes, we can utilise the surplus waters, they will be considered; as they will go a long way to help the people.

“As regards Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli, my hon. Friend, Mr. K. R. Viswanathan referred to the days when Cholas were ruling that part of the country and said that the big tanks built by them were in a dilapidated condition. Just as men are born, grow old and die, so also places grow in importance and then decay (interruption). I am only saying that they were very important places which have fallen on evil days . . .”

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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ I thought that those remarks would enthuse the Hon. Minister. They ought not to depress him. He should take great interest.”

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ I think, I have answered almost all the points that have been raised by hon. Members in this House.”

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—“ What about the neglected South Arcot? ”

* THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ As I said, I have not been familiar with the names of the schemes in various districts and it takes a long time to study and know about them. It is only about three months ago, I took charge of the Public Works Department. But I can assure the House that the schemes which are feasible, will be taken up for consideration when there is no financial stringency. I hope that will satisfy hon. Members of this House. Now, in view of what I have stated, may I request Mr. Viswanatham to withdraw his cut motion? ”

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—“ (He was sitting in the front bench of the Opposition.) There is the Giryar Scheme in the Sankarankoil taluk, for which an estimate of Rs. 2 crores and 10 lakhs has been prepared by the Chief Engineer and submitted to the Government. The people in that area have also expressed their readiness to contribute Rs. 50 lakhs towards the cost of the scheme. May I know at what stage the scheme is? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ The hon. Member is not in his place and he is being infected.” (Laughter.)

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—“ I appreciate the politeness of the request of the Hon. Minister for Public Works but the position is so serious that I do not want to withdraw my cut motion.” (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I am now going to put the cut motion standing in the name of the hon. Leader of the Opposition to the vote of the House. The question is—

‘ That the allotment of Rs. 2,17,67,700 under Demand VIII—Irrigation be reduced by Rs. 100.’ ”

The cut motion was lost.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I shall now put the Demand to the vote of the House. The question is—

‘ That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 2,17,67,700 under Demand VIII—Irrigation.’ ”

The Demand was carried and the Grant made.

(2) DEMAND IX—HEADS OF STATES, MINISTERS AND HEADQUARTERS 5 p.m.
STAFF.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

‘ That Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,03,92,200 under Demand IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Headquarters staff.’ ”

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MR. SPEAKER :—“ Motion moved—

‘ That Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,03,92,200 under Demand IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Headquarters staff.’ ”

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—“ Sir, how is it the Hon. Chief Minister has not furnished any information by way of explaining this Demand ? ”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ I have not a fondness for speaking for speaking’s sake. It is a routine Demand. Criticisms will be made by hon. Members in their speeches. Then in the end I shall reply.”

* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

‘ That the allotment of Rs. 1,03,92,200 under Demand IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Headquarters Staff be reduced by Rs. 100.’

Sir, in moving this cut motion I have got one personal request to make. And that is this. Our Hon. Chief Minister is not speaking. I request that the time allotted for him for moving the Demand may be allotted to me, to speak on this Demand.” (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ Sir, I said, according to the arrangement, the total time allotted is the pool, out of which everybody is to take his time. Time should be given to me to reply to the criticisms made in the course of the debate. The rest of the time available would have to be divided among the speakers.”

* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, all the while we have been hearing speeches from the Opposition as well as from the other side, both on the Famine and the Irrigation Demands. Both sides were vehement in their attacks. From the Congress side, Members began their speeches supporting the Demand and requesting the Government to do this thing and that thing and ended virtually opposing the Demands. The only difference between the Opposition and the other side was that the Opposition were strong in their language in attacking the administration, while the Congress Members in rising to support the Demands virtually gave a catalogue of grievances. But one thing is evident. Both sides are dissatisfied with the Budget. As for the Irrigation Demand, what does the criticism made by hon. Members here indicate? It indicates that all Members, whether they belong to the Congress, the K.L.P., the Communist or other groups in the U.D.F., are dissatisfied with the Budget proposals.”

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—“ The phenomenon which Mr. Venkateswarlu refers to is easily answered. This country desires a non-party Government. Everybody wants to criticise the Government. That is all we see.”

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* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ Sir, I consider this is a most important Demand. In this Demand we can find the policies and programmes of the Cabinet. Sir, you may remember, some time back, the Hon. Chief Minister said—I do not remember exactly where it was he said—he would like to go to Russia and other such countries and expose to the people there the hollowness of their Government’s policies. May I suggest to him, that, when he goes to those countries, he may take these budget estimates of this State; not only the budgets here but also the budget copies of America, England and other friendly imperialist countries? I wish he goes to Soviet Russia as also to the People’s Republic of China, criticises their administration if it is wrong, or learns from them if there is anything good, so that when he returns he can help us to build up a true People’s Republic of India on this soil.

“ Sir, from this Budget I should like to know which way this State is progressing. The Hon. Chief Minister is never tired of saying that ours is a Welfare State. He wants us to believe that he is for doing everything in an orderly manner. He does not want to do anything in any speedy manner, in any revolutionary way or in any manner which will involve the shedding of blood. I should like to ask him whether the figures given in this Demand really pave the way for the formation of a Welfare State, or do they pave the way for a Police State? That is what I wish to ask him. The main contention between the Opposition and the Government is this. Rajaji’s contention is that he is out to create a Welfare State and pleads that the Opposition parties are creating trouble and have thrown thorns in his way. Sir, while I speak on this Demand I should not be misunderstood, if I happen to refer to the Hon. Chief Minister or His Excellency the Governor, that I do so in a spirit of vendetta. I have to refer to them as two heads in this State and not in any personal manner nor with any discourtesy towards the persons. I am mentioning this in order to touch a chord in the Hon. Chief Minister’s heart and a cell in his brain. I proceed to point out the defects in framing this Budget, the allotments that are made in it under the several items of expenditure. What does this Demand provide? Does it pave the way for a Welfare State? Now, what is it that a Welfare State should do? We expect such a State to provide for education, health, jobs, land, food and shelter for its citizens, i.e., all the primary necessities of life are made available to the people by the State. I am not finding fault with the Government for not bringing down the moon to light our houses. For it is these things that are needed by the people in any State. I would like to examine this Demand from this point of view. I have examined it carefully; I have scanned all the figures given there; I have read the several items there from beginning to end, not once, but several times. I see the figures lead one nowhere near a Welfare State.

“ In this connexion I would like to point out the great disparity in the salaries of the highest paid officers and the low-paid staff. This is a point on which I was stressing for the last six

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years. I see it even to-day in each and every Demand in the Budget. Take the salary of His Excellency the Governor. He is drawing a salary of Rs. 5,500. On the whole, we are spending Rs. 10 lakhs on him. Take the salary of the I.C.S. officers. They are drawing Rs. 3,500 and odd. Like that, every high-paid official draws a salary in thousands of rupees. On the other hand, take the salary of the low-paid staff and the peons who are standing before us. They draw a salary of Rs. 20 or Rs. 25 or at best Rs. 30. This disparity I have been pointing out to Government for the last six years. This is not the first time I do this. It is easy for the Hon. Chief Minister, to brush aside this point as he did in the Council the other day by saying: 'Supposing I slashed the salary of His Excellency the Governor and his staff and saved ten lakhs a year, how is it going to improve the situation?' Sir, this is not a quotation of his very words; this is only the sum and substance of his statement. According to him, this saving might not be much. But these 10 lakhs of rupees may be made available to build houses for the N.G.Os. and the peons. Not only that, we will be creating a feeling in the people of this State that the Government—our Ministers—are creating conditions whereby a Welfare State can be easily formed and the disparity in salaries is reduced. This will infuse confidence in the minds of the people that their leaders are anxious to get rid of the disparity that now exists in the salaries of the highest paid and the low-paid staff. I suggest this thing so that our Chief Minister may have or earn his due share of credit for the act. If he were to implement my suggestions, it will be an addition to his prestige.

There is also one other point I wish to say on this occasion. The Hon. Chief Minister may point out that the dignity and decorum of office should be maintained and that is why high salaries are paid to His Excellency the Governor. I want the Government to try to see things in their correct perspective on this question. I would like to ask, is it the money that could purchase respect and dignity? I want the Government to look at things in the proper perspective. Does the Chief Minister suggest that officers who are paid higher salaries are respected all the more? Can it be a fact if I say, that in days of yore, when there were British Governors, these Governors had enjoyed more prestige and respect, as they used to draw salaries of Rs. 1,20,000 and large amounts of sumptuary allowances, than the prestige and respect enjoyed by the Chief Minister like the Hon. Rajaji who used to draw a salary of only about Rs. 500 per month? Those Governors were feared and not respected. Does he want us to treat Congress Governors in the same manner? If money is tributary to honour and respect, naturally a millionaire must be more respected. But it is not the case. So, Sir, I submit that high salary is not necessary for the holder of any office to be respected and honoured by the people. Sir, this great disparity between the salary of high-paid officers and low-paid staff is unjust. It was recognized by the Congress long ago and it was agreed by them to be done away with even as far back as in Karachi Congress, i.e., in the Karachi fundamental resolution. I quite remember the days,

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when our Hon. Chief Minister was drawing a salary of Rs. 5,000 a month. Does it follow therefrom that he has now less dignity and less prestige? So, Sir, I submit the great disparity in salaries should be done away with immediately. To establish a Welfare State we have to begin somewhere, and let us begin here, by reducing the allotment in respect of the Governor and his establishment so that the people might feel that the Government are proceeding in the right direction. Our country is not rich to afford such a huge item of expenditure. We all just now heard the Hon. Minister for Irrigation saying how difficult it was for him to balance the Budget pertaining to his portfolio and how he could not provide more money for minor irrigation works. Now, Sir, with these ten lakhs he can start such works in Rayalaseema. Every pie in this work is valuable and should be carefully spent. I hope Government will do away with the present wide disparity between the salaries of the high-paid officers and those of the low-paid staff.

“ Then, Sir, a word with respect to the salary of the non-gazetted officers of our State. They have been asking to be given the salary recommended by the Central Pay Commission. Every other State in India is paying their non-gazetted staff that scale of salary. Even deficit States like Orissa are doing so. There are about four thousand gazetted officers in our State and they are drawing a total salary of 2 crores of rupees and above apart from other allowances. Why not reduce that, and with the money thus available we can give our non-gazetted staff some more money by way of salary. Recently a retrenchment committee was set up to effect economy in expenditure by way of reduction of staff and otherwise. I feel there is great superfluity of officers, particularly in the gazetted ranks. There are Chief Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries and so on, in an unending chain. There are a good number of I.C.S. and I.A.S. men. The committee conducted an inquiry into the number of officers and wanted to do away with some of them. When a request was made to the departments to dispense with a few of those officers, it was met with stout resistance. I ask, is it really necessary to have so many officers. Let us compare this with the number of heads of departments that existed when the Congress Ministry of 1937 administered this State. I am sorry, I have no time to do it now.

“ Another point which I wish to stress here, is about the expenditure on Police. It is an item where our Rajaji will refuse to reduce expenditure.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ There is a separate Demand for Police. The hon. Member may reserve his remarks on Police for that occasion.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ There is only one point I have to make now.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ How is it possible to allow it now? The hon. Member has only one minute more to finish his speech.”

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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ How is it possible to finish my speech within that time as I have several points to mention? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ Hon. Members should realise that I have allotted only four hours for this Demand. The hon. Member has only one minute.”

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* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ Sir, from this Demand, there can be a saving of nearly Rs. 5 lakhs. But I know Rajaji will not lift his finger in that direction.

“ Sir, I would now like to point out one important factor which has to be carefully gone into. In Appendix IV to the Finance Minister's Budget Speech, you will find that allotments for post-war reconstruction plans have been slashed by nearly eight and a half crores of rupees. I would also like to point out that for Industries the Government have allotted only Rs. 32 lakhs and for cottage industries Rs. 28 lakhs. I would like to know how they are going to solve the problems of unemployment. The expenditure on social service is also reduced. There is a far greater demand for seats on the part of the students, both in Technical and Arts colleges. I say without fear of contradiction nothing has been done to solve the question of land and giving it to the tiller of the soil. These are problems which await solution and only when the Cabinet comes forward with proposals for solving these problems could this State be called a Welfare State. Keeping the budget estimates for the Police at about 7 crores and at the same time saying that this is a Welfare State and that the Government is only for maintaining law and order as against the Communists who are out for disorder will be of no avail. By this Budget, none of the problems, whose solution is essential to build a Welfare State, can be solved. The sum and substance of this Budget is this—

‘ Slashing the provision for irrigation works and social services and increasing expenditure on higher paid services. Hence it is no Budget for a Welfare State.’ ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The hon. Member has already taken more time than is allotted. The original motion for the Demand as well as the Cut Motion are now before the House. As only 4 hours have been fixed for this Demand, I will allot ten minutes for each hon. Member.”

* SRI D. K. RAJU :—“ Sir, in supporting the Cut Motion on this Demand, I submit that the Budget as a whole does not satisfy the common man. The expenditure of the State has increased to the utmost. There are many directions in which the Government could have taken care to reduce their expenditure. First, I would like to deal with Firka Development Schemes. These schemes have been started in the name of following Mahatma Gandhi's advice to go back to the villages and make them attractive but the Government have only wasted crores of rupees on them. I know what the Government have done in the selected firka in my own district of Ramanathapuram. This firka is

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supposed to have been developed in roads, electricity, agriculture, etc. All these developments require technical men but, if you ask me, Sir, how many such technical men are employed, I have to say that only teachers who have been dismissed or persons who have been condemned as inefficient are employed. In fact, Sir, I could say that the expenditure on the Firka Development Scheme was incurred mainly as an aid to the election campaign of the party in power.

“ The next point, I would like to mention, is regarding Vanamahotsava. This is another item of wasteful expenditure. I can tell you, Sir, from my own experience in Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts that the Collectors and other district officials spent a lot of money on this Vanamahotsava by travelling long distances, performing tree-planting ceremonies and distributing eatables to the children, etc., but not a single tree has grown anywhere in the above area either in the avenues by the road or anywhere else. If you travel in these districts, where Vanamahotsava has been celebrated, you will find that instead of more trees growing up, the existing avenue trees are being cut and only the stumps are left standing. I have spoken to the district officials about this and no one seems to take any trouble over it. I think, Sir, quite recently about ten days ago, they have started celebrating this Vanamahotsava this year. If the Government are sincere in reducing expenditure, they should do away with this Vanamahotsava.

“ Coming next to the Ministers, I do not know, Sir, why there should be so many Ministers when it is said that the Hon. Chief Minister, Sri C. Rajagopalachari's regime is one of the most efficient? I know, Sri C. Rajagopalachari can manage with a fewer number of Ministers but still there is a Cabinet of fifteen Ministers. The expenditure on the Ministers could be minimised by having a fewer number in the Cabinet. In the matter of tours by Ministers, I think our Hon. Chief Minister will not follow what his predecessors were doing. Then, Sir, in the recent tour programmes issued by the Ministers who were touring in the South, it was said that the programme of engagements in a district would be as prepared by the District Congress Committee concerned. I do not know, Sir, where this District Congress Committee comes in, in the tour programme of the Ministers. I do not object to Ministers attending to their party work but the official programme sent to the Members of the Legislature should not contain these things because, how could these non-Congressmen know what is the programme of the District Congress Committee and why should they know this programme? I, as a non-Congressman, object to it and I request the Hon. the Chief Minister not to allow such things.

“ Coming next to the Agricultural Department, I know that there is a separate section called ‘ Implements section ’ and the Deputy Director of Agriculture, who is in charge, is handling all the agricultural instruments and the machinery available. So far as my district is concerned, this department has been useful to

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a handful of men only and not to others. I request the Hon. Chief Minister and the Minister in charge of Agriculture to see that these implements are distributed equitably to all in the future.

"As regards retrenchment in Government departments, I see Sir, that as a result of the war every department has expanded many times. Taking for instance, a Taluk office, you will find, Sir, that there are now half a dozen Tahsildars where there was only one formerly. There is a Tahsildar for chillies, another for tamarind, another for wells and so on and so forth. I hope, Sir, that after decontrol of foodgrains the Government will put a stop to this kind of thing. Though I am new to the Legislature, I know the Secretariat for the past thirty years. A department which was having about 10 or 15 clerks formerly is now having hundreds of clerks. I do not know why such large numbers are required, and in spite of having such a large number of persons, the efficiency of the Secretariat has come down to the minimum level. When I suggest retrenchment, I do not want to create unemployment; but I do not want to breed inefficiency in the name of avoiding unemployment. I think, Sir, the abolition of the Board of Revenue had been in the programme of the Congress Government for a long time and it is high time it was abolished. Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity."

* SRI I. K. SUBRAMANIA PILLAY :—“Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the general discussion on the budget, I wanted to make a few observations. I wanted to congratulate the Hon. the Finance Minister for presenting a good budget to suit the exigencies of the year. I also wanted to say a few words on the Administration Report of the Public Service Commission and also to impress upon the Government the desirability of improving our health resorts and tourist centres. But I was not able to catch your eye, Sir. The whip could not help me either because his hands were full. I shall, therefore, confine myself to a few relevant points during this discussion.

“The Public Service Commission has played an important role in the body politic of our country. It is, I believe, a quasi-judicial body. Normally, its recommendations should be acceptable to the Government but, I find in the report, that, in certain cases, Government have differed from the recommendations of the Public Service Commission. On page 17 of the Report—I am speaking subject to correction because I have not got the Report before me as I did not expect to be called upon to speak this evening—there are three cases of false claims of travelling allowances. In one case, the salary of the official is cut down for two months, in another case, the person is compulsorily retired and in the last case in spite of the recommendation of the Public Service Commission, the officer is dismissed. I do not know the reasons—perhaps the Government have weighty reasons—but my request is that if the administration is to do justice, justice should not only be done but seemingly done. If some such hard cases are brought to the notice of the Government, I request the Government to mete out justice to them.

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“One other point, on which I would make a request to the Government, is to develop the tourist centres in our State. I come from a place where there is a fine waterfall, the like of which, for accessibility and salubrity, is not to be found elsewhere. I need not boast about it. You, Sir, have visited the place. The Hon. the Chief Minister knows it very well. It has almost become his second native place. Whenever he is free from the worries of office he comes therè. Many of the hon. Members must have visited this place and I invite such of those who have not visited the place to come there. (An hon. Member: What is the name of the place?) I am referring, Sir, to Courtallam. This is the time of the year when we have the best season but we are tied up here with our work. What I want to suggest is that we should follow the example of the Mysore Government and develop places of natural beauty in our State and make them good centres for tourists. With these remarks I support the Demand that is before us.”

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—“Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the Cut Motion moved by my hon. Friend, Comrade Venkateswarlu. As far as the money, which the Government propose to spend under this Demand, ‘Hheads of States, Ministers and Headquarters Staff’ is concerned, I have to submit that the Government, as under the British regime, is having a top-heavy administration. In order to keep this top-heavy machinery, they propose to spend money like anything. My hon. Friend, Comrade Venkateswarlu has already spoken about the provision made under this Demand for the pay and allowances of the Hon. Ministers. Now, there are fifteen Ministers in the Cabinet, and I want to ask the Hon. the Chief Minister as to why he should not reduce it to ten. By allocating two or three portfolios to each Minister, the Government can reduce the number of Ministers to ten and, at the same time, save money. As regards the pay and allowances of the Ministers, the Government have made a provision of Rs. 52,000 more in this Demand. I consider this provision is too much. Our country cannot afford to spend so much on the Ministers. I suggest that the strength of the Cabinet should be reduced to ten.”

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“Secondly, I wish to bring to the notice of the hon. Members of this House about the salary paid to the Governor of this State. Our Congress Governor gets about 7.29 lakhs of rupees yearly. He gets a salary of Rs. 66,000 yearly. The former Governor was paid a salary of Rs. 56,100 only. It is not known why the present Governor is paid more than the former Governor. The Governor is paid a sum of 23,000 rupees as ‘Sumptuary allowance’. Further he gets Rs. 46,000 for expenditure on his Secretarial Staff and Rs. 87,000 for expenditure on his ‘Staff and household’ yearly. The Governor is also paid a sum of Rs. 25,000 as ‘Discretionary Grants’ yearly. I ask, Sir, why His Excellency requires this sum and why he should not give, out of his own pay, any money he wants to pay to any institution. The Governor is paid

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a sum of Rs. 23,000 as ' Sumptuary allowance ' that is, for giving ' virundu '. Now, I want to ask, ' Can our people afford to set apart this huge amount for His Excellency the Governor? ' I want to ask the Hon. Chief Minister and the All-India Congress Committee, whether they do not stand by the resolutions passed at Karachi and at other places and whether it is not their duty to take steps to reduce the salary of the Governor. If they do not take steps, then they are doing an injustice to the people of this country. Even the Prime Minister of England or the President of the United States of America is not getting as much salary as the Governor is getting. I request the Hon. Chief Minister to take steps to reduce the salary of the Governor.

" I want the Hon. Chief Minister to compare the salaries received by the Governor and the high officials and the salaries paid to poor non-gazetted officers. The Governor is paid a salary of Rs. 154 daily. The poor non-gazetted officials get only Rs. 18 per month. Our village peons get only Rs. 13 per month. The basic pay of a municipal scavenger is only Rs. 7 per month. The jail wardens get only Rs. 30 monthly. The Police Constable gets Rs. 30 per month. The elementary school teacher gets only Rs. 30 a month—a salary less than that of the peons. There is a big gulf between the salaries received by the Governor and the non-gazetted officials. The Hon. the Chief Minister said the other day that he wanted to eliminate corruption from the Services. We are very glad about it. A Police Sub-Inspector gets only Rs. 80 as basic salary and a Magistrate gets Rs. 130 as his monthly salary. Unless they are well-paid and conditions are created for their decent living, the Hon. the Chief Minister will not be able to eliminate corruption.

" Reference has already been made to the question of the abolition of the Revenue Board. As far as I remember, the Congress had passed a number of resolutions on this subject. Such an institution, as far as I know, does not exist in other States. There are some I.C.S. officers working in this Board, getting huge salaries. The work of the Revenue Board can be done by the Secretaries of the different departments in the Secretariat. There are a number of Secretaries, Joint Secretaries and Under Secretaries, working in the Secretariat. The Inspector-General of Prisons, who is the head of the Jail Department can be made the ex-officio Secretary of the Prisons Section in the Secretariat and thus money can be saved. The same can be done in other departments also. I again request the Hon. the Chief Minister to take steps to abolish the Revenue Board and save a large sum of money.

" Sir, a provision of Rs. 2,05,000 has been made in the Budget to be spent on the Legislative Council. This Legislative Council cannot discuss Money Bills. It has no full representative character. My humble suggestion is that the Legislative Council should be abolished.

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“ At present, Sir, there is a lot of red-tapism prevailing in the various departments. It takes quite a lot of time for the Ministers to get a reply from the departments. Grievances of the people are not redressed quickly by the Ministers. We see corruption, nepotism and red-tapism prevailing in the Government departments. I request the Government to take steps to put an end to all these things.

“ Coming to the tours of the Hon. Ministers, the Hon. Minister for Law, Mr. Kuttikrishnan Nayar, toured the whole district of Malabar a month ago. He was very busy throughout the tour organizing Congress Committees in the whole district. I do not say, he should not attend meetings of his party. What I wish to say is, that he spent most of his time in organizing Congress Committees and found no time to hear representations from the people. All I want to say before this Honourable House is, that Ministers while on official tours should not spend their time too much for their own political purposes and if they do so, it is not justifiable.

“ Regarding the non-gazetted Government Servants, I want the Government to look into their grievances. The Hon. Chief Minister has no doubt granted some concessions to them. But this is not sufficient. I want to know from the Hon. Chief Minister whether he is willing to implement the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission. The discontent prevailing among the N.G.O's. can only be removed by the Government implementing the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission.

“ Sir, I am of the view that nothing substantial can be done unless this Government is changed and that is why, I wholeheartedly support the cut motion moved by my hon. Friend.”

* SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for having given me this opportunity to speak. I wanted to speak while the general discussion on the Budget was going on, but somehow did not get an opportunity to speak then. In supporting this Demand IX, I wish to bring to the notice of the Hon. Chief Minister certain facts relating to my Constituency:

“ When the Hon. the Law Minister toured the district of mine last time, he visited my Constituency and heard representations made to him by many of my constituents. One of the representations made to him was about the murder—a daylight murder—that took place at Edicheri amsom. The Hon. Law Minister also received a deputation in connection with this matter. So far as I understand, the local Police had not made sufficient enquiries in this matter. I request the Hon. Chief Minister to send some officials to that place and make proper enquiries about the matter. I am afraid, Sir, I will not be able to go back to my Constituency as an M.L.A. if the Hon. Chief Minister does not order fresh enquiries to be made in regard to this matter.

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“ I have to invite the attention of the Hon. Ministers to the medical arrangements provided in my Constituency. There is only one Government Headquarters Hospital at Badagara. Within a radius of 30 or 32 miles, there are only two hospitals at Badagara and Nadapuram and many of my constituents are complaining that their representative in the last Assembly did not make proper representations to the Government for providing more hospitals in that area. I have to bring to the notice of the Government that I am the only one Member elected on the Congress ticket in the whole of North Malabar.

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p.m. “ Somehow or other, the people of my Constituency had confidence in me and elected me to this Assembly, though I did not want to stand for election this time. I request the Hon. Chief Minister to look into the needs of Malabar and satisfy them to the utmost extent possible. Otherwise, I may have to resign my membership of this House, go back to my countrymen and tell them that I am helpless.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—“ Sir, the hon. Member who spoke last referred to some murder. I would like to know from him, not the exact date, but approximately when the murder took place.”

SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA:—“ The murder took place in November last.”

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—“ Representations have already been made about this matter.

“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, the need for an honest, efficient and pure administration is more to-day than ever before. It is not as if we have not got schemes and plans. But the results achieved are not commensurate with our efforts because of the deficiency in execution. There is a feeling that the services, which were once thought to be efficient and incorruptible, are deteriorating in standard. It is the first and foremost duty of this Government to reform the administration and restore the confidence of the people in the services. A proverb says ‘ that if the beam of the roof bends, the whole structure will bend ’. The Cabinet is the arch on which the whole administration rests. Therefore, a great responsibility lies on the Council of Ministers to purify the administration. To-day the administration has become almost a machine and some oiling here and greasing there will ensure smooth running. It does not necessarily require men of extraordinary ability. These are days of democracy and one cannot be certain that it is the ablest that is always returned. Therefore, people will pardon the Ministers if they are not men of equal ability. But they will never pardon if the Ministers are not equal in honesty and integrity. When Lord Asquith was the Prime Minister of England, certain papers relating to an important appointment were placed before him. He noticed that a man with a higher qualification was overlooked and a man with a lower qualification was recommended. He at once sent for Lord

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Kitchener and wanted him to explain. He said : ' It is true that the man who has been overlooked has a higher qualification; but unfortunately he is related to me '. Can our Ministers lay claim to such a high standard of integrity? My expectations do not soar so high. I only want that the Minister's nominees may be favoured or the balance may come down on their side when other conditions are equal. But that has not been the case in this State. I am afraid that, in some cases, the old practice is being continued. I refer to the appointment of the Public Prosecutor of North Malabar. He was the ringleader of a section of Congressmen who has brought the Congress to the present plight in North Malabar. He resigned his post of Public Prosecution and stood for election. We are not in the least concerned with that, because everybody is entitled to stand for election. Our complaint is about the share of the Government in the transaction. When he resigned his post and stood for election, he was given an assurance that the post would be kept vacant till the election result was announced and that, if it went against him, he would be reappointed. The post was kept vacant for several months. After he was defeated, he was appointed to that post. The post of Public Prosecutor is a very important post which has to be filled by men of ability and integrity and not a spoil to be shared by the henchmen of the party-in-power. Incidentally, I may say, without casting any reflection on the present incumbent of the office, that the recent appointment of the Director of Public Instruction is not calculated to inspire confidence in the minds of the public and the services.

" I should like to draw the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to a notification issued on 20th May 1952 by the Public Service Commission calling for applications for the post of a Professor on a contract basis for three years. This is a clear instance of abuse of power, when a Minister has created a post only to oblige his relative. The qualifications mentioned in the notification are such, that only that man, whom the former Minister for Education had in view, could be appointed to that post. I request the Hon. Chief Minister in all earnestness to read between the lines what is contained in the notification and do the needful in the matter. This is a clear case of abuse of power, where a Minister created a post for a particular person whom he had in view.

" When we talk of purity in administration and the responsibility of M.L.As. and Ministers, we must necessarily refer to the Gorwala Report. Mr. Gorwala mentions in his report the reason why the services have become corrupt after India attained independence. He has said that in the days of our struggle for freedom, capitalists, vested interests, merchants and traders were all helpful to the Congress for which Congressmen ought to be grateful to them. He adds that the moment a Congressman becomes a Minister, he must sever all his connections with them and that he should not attend even receptions and public meetings arranged

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by them. Mr. Gorwala also refers to the interference of M.L.As. in administrative matters. The practice of the Ministry and the Government in the last five years has been quite contrary to what is suggested in Gorwala's Report. We had the sad experience of a Malabar Minister, who always took particular care to travel from Coimbatore to Cannanore in the motor car of a particular person, who was thought to belong to a group of anti-social elements. We said that during his tour, he should stay in travellers bungalows. But he was very particular on having his dinner in the house of one who, according to him, welcomed him, though the people did not want this."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Sir, I would rather have plain speaking than insinuations of this kind, because when the hon. Member goes on saying 'Minister, Minister', the public who read the report to-morrow morning may think that he is referring to a particular Minister here. I understand that all the references made so far relate to some previous Ministers. I do not deny the relevancy of references to the previous Ministry. Vague statements of this kind are very misleading. Therefore it is better that the hon. Member mentions the names."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"I did not want to mention names. I referred only to the previous Minister from Malabar."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The previous Minister from Malabar! I interrupted because I want to protect the present Minister from Malabar."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"To our present Minister from Malabar, Mr. K. P. Gopalan made some reference. It is true that in his long tour of seven days . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"I did not wish to interrupt when Mr. K. P. Gopalan was speaking, as I thought could deal with the point in my reply. Since the complaint is repeated, I may say that my Hon. Colleague, the Law Minister, tells me that what was said was correct, but that he had not drawn travelling allowance for the journeys objected to. He has taken scrupulous care to draw travelling allowance only up to a point and pay from his own pocket for journeys beyond that point."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"I thought of the previous practice."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Let not hon. Members take these prejudices so far."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"If our present Ministry headed by our leader Rajaji makes an attempt to reform the administration and the services, there is a great chance of improvement. It is necessary that we should have a contended and adequately paid service. But I wish to make it clear that all the abuse or corruption that has crept into our system is not merely on account of inadequacy of pay. One does not receive bribes

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simply because he is low-paid. We have read in the newspapers that some high officials of the Central Government were arrested on charges of corruption and let on bail. They were corrupt not because they were low-paid. But, at the same time I want that the services should be paid an adequate remuneration. Our administration and services should be improved morally. It is only by a moral reformation, that we can improve our services.

“ We find that there is a feeling to-day that a man's private life has nothing to do with his public life. I may be thought to be an antiquated person. But I think there is a close relationship between a man's private life and public life. A man is to be judged not by what he says in public but by the small things that he does in private life. If we get men of honesty and integrity, though they may be a little deficient in ability, it is my belief that by their example, the administration can be improved.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ The House will now adjourn to meet again at 10-30 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th July 1952.”

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

Amendments to Madras Motor Vehicles Rules [laid on the table under section 133 (3) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939]—

- (1) G.O. Ms. No. 2014, Home, dated 5th June 1952.
- (2) G.O. Ms. No. 1874, Home, dated 20th May 1952.

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