

[Shri Shyamaprasanna Bhattacharyya].

their names in the Employment Exchange for five years. They are the first persons to get Rs. 50/- per month as unemployment dole. We are a poor State and we have got very little money, but we have started this. The feeling is there. Punjab is also paying; the feeling is there. This must be developed. But the main thing is what is the task of the Janata Government. Whatever the people want, they must solve all their problems. So long as they cannot solve them, they must give something to all these people so as not to starve, not to lead a dishonoured life and not to commit suicide. This basic problem of unemployment must be solved. The Janata Government must stand by its manifesto. At the time of elections, you promise to give something but after that you forget and think of your own self-interest. I would like to remind you that the old days are gone. The electorate has become very vigilant today. After the Janata Government came to power, I saw thousands of people coming to Delhi to find out how the Members of Parliament from their constituencies were functioning and trying to fulfil their task.

The Janata Government has not also been able to solve the problem of the cane growers and they are still suffering. This should not be allowed to continue. The things today are not very simple. Our country is striving to achieve new things. The Government must fulfil its task and try to remove the sufferings of the people, otherwise the people would not allow the Government even to complete its term. They would ask the Government to resign and go and ask for fresh elections. And this is the spirit of the people and the spirit of Shri Jayprakash Narayan.

In the end, I would urge the Government to be more serious, to be more practical, to be more patriotic, not to think of scrambles, but to think

of the people as a whole, the country as a whole with a big heart and not with a pigeon heart.

**SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN (Coimbatore):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I stand to support the idea enshrined in the Bill of Shri Lakkappa. He wanted that the uneducated unemployment in the country should be given a certain allowance. I support this idea, because during the last thirty years since independence, the problem of unemployment had been mounting and it continue to be a serious and a growing menace. I think since we failed, all the Government failed to tackle this problem and the problem is becoming more and more serious, we have no right to tell the victims of unemployment that we will not be able to provide him anything. The Government failed to give him employment and now the question is whether the Government would be in a position to provide him at least something to bank upon so that he would not starve and die. What I would prefer is that the Government should solve the problem of unemployment itself because this is the basic problem. I have my own approach and that was made clear in the House many times. I think that so long as the Government pursue the capitalist path of development like any other capitalist country, the question of unemployment will be haunting. It is not the question whether this country is affluent or developing or poor, unemployment is a problem which is there even in the United States, a country which is so rich. Because it is the offspring of the capitalist system. I have seen poor countries. My friend, Shri Samarendra Kundu was there—in Vietnam. There is no unemployment, a country not rich in material terms but a country which succeeded in bringing about a social order where there is no exploitation of man by man. And then they have ensured the distribu-

tion of wealth equitably among the people. There, the problem of unemployment itself was solved. Even if they did not succeed in bringing about all that affluence, they have reduced the magnitude of poverty by everyone suffering and everyone taking a share of that poverty on himself. That is a very fundamental question and I do not want to go into that. There I would like to make one point very clear. I wish my Marxist friend would have been here to listen to that. The question is: it is a fact that Congress has failed and it is an equally important fact that the Janata will also fail because both of you pursue the same path..

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:** No, no.

**SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:** No issue. We will quarrel on that but history will judge you that issue.. (Interruptions). It is not a jyotish, it is a fact of life. It is a proven fact..

श्री नाथू सिंह : ज्योतिषी होते तो उस समय कांग्रेस का साथ न देने ।

**SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:** You are too young to understand. I do not want to argue with you.

Now let us face the facts of life. There are several millions of unemployed educated people in this country. What Mr. Lakappa wants is not something very revolutionary. He wants that they should be provided with some money, some subsistence allowance by way of unemployment dole so that they would not starve and die. Could we do that since we have failed in tackling the basic problem? I think we should be able to do that and for that, he says—I do not know the statistics—it requires Rs. 15 crores according to his calculations. I think that is not a very big amount, if that figure is correct. Rs. 15 crores, the government should find. If the figure is wrong, it is a different matter. I do not know. The Minister will clarify....

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA):** The difference is only in a few zeroes.

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:** He has got the biggest machinery. He can calculate it.

**SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA:** I have said the difference is only in a few zeroes.

**SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:** Whatever it is, my point is that the Government has a moral responsibility to find that amount. If you cannot accept Mr. Lakkappa's proposal, then come forward with certain other proposal to have a lesser amount or some kind of relief provided to them. I may even say that if you cannot provide them money, can you organize relief work so that they will produce and enjoy food? That is not being done....

**SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA:** That will be done.

**SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:** That was heard for 30 years. So the point is that they should not be allowed to die of starvation. There we need not quarrel who is correct and who is wrong. Whoever sit on those chairs have a special responsibility to see that this guarantee is ensured. I hope the government will not hesitate or shirk its responsibility.

Here a few practical things I would like to draw your attention to. May be the Minister himself is aware of the fact that in certain States like Madhya Pradesh, the employment exchanges are under fire from those who are working there from outside that State because the employment exchange has refused in several cases to register the names of people who came from other States seeking employment. For example, in Bilal there