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*First Day of the Fourth Session of the
Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly*

ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday the 14th June, 1979.

The House met at Half-Past Nine of the Clock.

(MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR)

Resolution expressing deep sense of sorrow at the serious loss of life and property suffered by the people of Andhra Pradesh on account of recent cyclone.

Mr. Speaker :—The House is aware of the calamity that had occurred in Andhra Pradesh and I propose this resolution for your unanimous approval.

“This House expresses its deep sense of sorrow at the serious loss of life and property suffered by the people of Andhra Pradesh on account of the recent cyclone and expresses its deep-felt sympathy with the members of the bereaved families.”.

The resolution was adopted nem con by standing in silence for two minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

re : ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND NOTE ON CYCLONE.

Mr. Speaker :—I have to make two announcements to the House before I adjourn the House.

1. Answers to the Questions posted for to-day are placed on the Table of the House.

2. Copies of note on the recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh have been distributed to Members. Such of those Members who have not received the copies may collect from the office. We shall start discussion on the note tomorrow.

As a mark of respect for the departed souls, the House now stands adjourned till 8-30 a.m. tomorrow, the 15th June, 1979.

14 th June, 1979.

ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS PLACED ON THE
TABLE OF THE HOUSE

STARTING OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE WITH AID OF
WORLD BANK

1—

*3349-Q.—Sri Nallapareddy Srinivasul Reddy (Venkatagiri):—
Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the following industries in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of World Bank ;

(i) Kakinada Pulp project based on wood resources from the Andamans, (ii) Cooking Coal Plant at Mangoor of Khammam district, (iii) P.V.C. Caustic Soda Complex and Fertilizer Plant based on coal from Mangoor ;

(b) the estimated cost of each project and the annual production ; and

(c) the employment potential ?

A.—

(a) A.P. Industrial Development Corporation has sent proposals to the Industrial Development Bank of India seeking World Bank assistance in respect of Kakinada Pulp Project and PVC & Caustic Soda Complex.

The Project report for a Coal based Fertilizer Plant is under preparation. The possibility of setting up a Coking Coal Project at Mangoor is under investigation.

(b) & (c): Details are given in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT PLACED

(Vide [b] and [c] of LAQ No. 3349 [Starred])

	Estimated cost of the project,	Annual production,	Employment ^s potential on completion of project.
1. Kakinada Pulp Project	Rs. 100 crores	1,00,000 TPA	2,500
2. Coking Coal Plant	Rs. 400 crores	33,000 TPA	1,000
3. PVC & Caustic Soda Plant	Rs. 41 crores	PVC 30,000 TPA Caustic Soda 33,000 TPA	2,500

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CABINET MINISTERS

2—

* 4638 Q.—Sri Bhattam Srirama Murthy (Parvada):—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether the code of conduct was prescribed in respect of Cabinet Ministers etc., by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the Table of the House?

A.—

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the Code of Conduct for Ministers together with the subsequent clarification of the Government of India thereon are placed on the Table of the House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

COPIES OF :

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MINISTERS
(BOTH CENTRAL AND STATE)

In addition to the observance of the provisions of the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and any other law for the time being in force, a person, before taking office as a Minister shall.

- (a) disclose to the Prime Minister, or the Chief Minister as the case may be, details of the assets and liabilities, and of business interests, of himself and of members of his family. The details to be disclosed shall consist of particulars of all immovable property and the total approximate value of (i) shares and debentures, (ii) cash holdings and (iii) jewellery;
- (b) sever all connections, short of divesting himself of the ownership, with the conduct and management of any business in which he was interested before his appointment as Minister ; and
- (c) with regard to a business concern which supplies goods or services to the Government concerned or to undertakings of that Government (excepting in the usual course of trade or business and at standard or market rates) or whose business primarily depends in licences, permits quotas, leases. etc.. received or to be received from the Government concerned, divest himself of all his interests in the said business and also of the management thereof.

Provided : However, that he may transfer in the case of (b) his interest in the management and in the case of (c) both ownership and management to any adult member of his family or adult relative other than his wife (or husband as the case may be) who was prior to his appointment as Minister associated with the conduct or management or ownership of the said business. The question of divesting himself

or his interests would not arise in the case of holding of shares in public limited companies except where the Prime Minister, or the Chief Minister as the case may be considers that the nature or extent of his holding is such that it is likely to embarrass him in the discharge of his official duties.

2. After taking office and so long as he remains in office the Minister shall :

- (a) furnish annually by the 31st March to the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister as the case may be, a declaration regarding his assets and liabilities ;
- (b) refrain from buying from, or selling to, the Government any immovable property except where such property is compulsorily acquired by the Government in the usual course ;
- (c) refrain from starting, or joining, any business ;
- (d) ensure that the members of his family do not start, or participate in, business concerns, engaged in supplying goods or services to that Government or to undertakings under that Government excepting in the usual course of trade or business and at standard or market rates or dependent primarily on grant of licences, permits, quotas, leases, etc., from that Government ; and
- (e) report the matter to the Prime Minister, or the Chief Minister as the case may be, if any member of his family sets up, or joins in the conduct and management of, any other business.

3. No Minister should :

- (a) personally, or through a member of his family, accept contributions for any purpose, whether political, charitable or otherwise, if any purse or cheque intended for a registered society, or a charitable body, or an institution recognised by a public authority, or a political party is presented to him, he should pass it on as soon as possible to the organisation for which it is intended ;
- (b) associate himself with the raising of funds except for the benefit of (i) a registered society, or a charitable body, or an institution recognised by a public authority and (ii) a political party. He should, however, ensure that such contributions are sent to a specified office-bearer, etc. of the society or body or institution or party concerned and not

to him. Nothing herein before shall prevent a Minister from being associated with the operation or disbursement of funds raised as above.

4. A Minister should:

- (a) not accept valuable gifts except from close relatives, and he or his members of his family should not accept any gifts at all from any person with whom he may have official dealings ;
- (b) not, nor permit a member of his family, to contract debts of a nature likely to embarrass or influence him in the discharge of his official duties.

5. A Minister should:

- (a) while on official tour, as far as practicable stay in accommodation belonging to himself or maintained by Government, Government undertakings, public bodies or institutions (such as circuit houses, dak bungalows, etc.) or in recognised hotels; and
- (b) discourage ostentation or lavishness in parties given to him.

6. The authority for ensuring the observance of the code of Conduct will be the Prime Minister in the case of Central Ministers, the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister in the case of Chief Ministers, and the Chief Minister concerned in the case of State Ministers. The said authority would follow such procedure as it might deem fit, according to the facts and circumstances of each case, for dealing with or determining any alleged or suspected breach of this code.

Explanation :—In this Code, a Minister's family shall include his wife (or the husband as the case may be) not legally separated from him (or her), minor children, and any other person related by blood or marriage to, and wholly dependent, on the Minister.

Letter No. 373/3/68-AVD. III, dated 13-8-1968, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, General Administration Department, Bombay-32.

Sub:—Code of Conduct for Ministers.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. CDR—2068—D. I., dated 24—5—1968, on the above subject and to say that under the

provisions of the Code of Conduct for Ministers, the circumstances under which a Minister can accept purses and cheques are rather limited. The purse or cheque is to be for a registered society, or a charitable body or an institution, recognised by a public authority or a political party. It has to be for a specific purpose and for a specific body and if there is any vagueness about it, such a purse or cheque is not to be accepted. Whether a fund has not been constituted or where the donor desires that the Minister should pass on the purse or cheque to any charitable or political organisation which he himself may select, the intention of the Code is that in such circumstances the donation should not be accepted by the Minister. This is not likely to cause any embarrassment as the Minister can always explain the circumstances under which he cannot accept the same, citing the Code. If anything at all, the public will appreciate such a gesture on the part of the Minister and the refusal, in the circumstances, would enhance the prestige of the Minister rather to embarrass him.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Subject :—Disposal of gifts received from foreign dignitaries by Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

The Code of Conduct for Ministers contain a general provision to the effect that a Minister should not accept valuable gifts except from close relatives and that he or members of his family should not accept any gifts at all from any person with whom he may have official dealings. It has not, however, been specified what constitute a valuable gift and how the gifts should be disposed of.

Ministers may receive gifts when they go abroad or from foreign dignitaries in India. Such gifts fall into two categories. The first category will include gifts which are of symbolic nature, like a sword of honour, ceremonial robes etc. and which can be retained by the recipients. The second category of gifts would be those which are not of symbolic nature. When a Minister receives a gift of this nature, he may bring it to the notice of the Prime Minister indicating the estimated value of the gift. If its value is less than Rs. 1,000/-, it can be retained by the Minister. If, however, there is any doubt about the estimated value of the gift, the matter can be referred to the Toshakhanna for valuation. If the value of the gift, on assessment is found to be within the prescribed limit of Rs. 1,000/-, the gift will be returned to the Minister. If it exceeds Rs. 1,000/- the recipient will have the option to purchase it from the Toshakhanna by paying the difference between the value as assessed by the Toshakhanna and Rs. 1,000/-. Gifts of household goods, such as carpets, paintings, furniture, etc., exceeding Rs. 1,000/- in value will be kept in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Prime Minister's house or Raj Bhavans as State Property.

Functions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Cell

3—

*2492 Q.—Sri B. Machindri Rao (Secunderabad Contonment) :—
Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

- (a) the authorities and functions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Cell;
- (b) under which department it is functioning ; and
- (c) the officer incharge of the cell at Secretariat level ?

A.—

(a) The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Cell at Secretariat level has State-wide jurisdiction. The functions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Cell are :

- (i) to deal with the representations and grievances of S.Cs' S.Ts.
- (ii) to ensure implementation of the rules of special representation and other concessions provided in the matter of appointments to public services.
- (iii) to inspect departments of Secretariat, offices of all Heads of Departments and all Unit Offices including officers of Local Bodies, Corporations and State Public Undertakings for the purpose of verifying the implementation of rules of special representation and other concessions like relaxations in age and standards of eligibility etc., provided to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (iv) to ensure prompt investigation, prosecution and disposal of untouchability offences and cases of atrocities and harassment on Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes ; and
- (v) to take necessary measures for monetary relief, legal aid and rehabilitation of family members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes becoming victims of atrocities committed by members of other communities.

(b) At Secretariat level, it is functioning in Social Welfare Department. In addition to this Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Cell have been established in the offices of District Collectors, Superintendents of Police and office of the Crime Branch, C.I.D.

(c) Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department.

Misappropriation of Amount in The Emmiganur Cooperative Weavers Society

4—

* 3952-C. Q.—Sarvasri K. Satyanarayana (Repalle), M. Omkar (Narasanpet) and Smt. G. Dhana Suryavathi (Nidumolu) :— Will the Minister for Elections and Textiles be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on the strength of the House Committee Report, Sri Jayabharata Reddy, an IAS officer, had conducted an enquiry into the alleged 30 lakhs rupees fraud in the Emmiganur cooperative weavers, society and submitted his report to the Government three months back; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

A.—

- (a) In respect of the allegations made against the Yemmiganur Weavers Cooperative Society before the House Committee, Sri K. Jayabharatha Reddy, I.A.S., the then Director of Industries was appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the allegations in detail. Among the allegations made before the House Committee, there is no allegation involving a fraud of Rs. 30.00 lakhs.

The Enquiry Officer conducted detailed enquiry and submitted his report in two parts. Part-I of the report has been received in August, 1978 and the second in November, 1978.

- (b) The various suggestions made by the enquiry Officer are under examination of the Government.

Creation of new Police Sub-Division at Chirala

5—

*3810 Q.— Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu (Udayagiri) :— Will the Minister for Home be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Govt. to create a new police sub-division at Chirala to bring down the crime rate ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the crime rate is increasing in Chirala and nearby areas; and

(c) if so, the steps intended to be taken by the Govt. to bring down the crime rate ?

A.—

- (a) The proposal of the Superintendent of Police, Prakasham District to create a new Police Sub-Division with Headquarters at Chirala is under the consideration of the Inspector General of Police.
- (b) The crime rate in Chirala Town has decreased where as the crime rate in Chirala Circle is generally on the increase.
- (c) Foot and mobile night patrols apart from beat service have been introduced. Opening of one more Police Station and a Control Room with a strength of 3 Sub-Inspectors, 3 Head Constables and 6 Police Constables in Chirala Town are under contemplation.

**Enhancement of Amount of Relief Being Given to the Persons
Affected By Fire, Drought and Cyclone etc.**

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* 4178 Q.- Sri Ch. Vittal Reddy (Narsapur):—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Govt. to enhance the amounts of relief being given to the persons who are affected by fire, drought cyclone etc. in the State to Rs. 500; and

(b) if so, when the orders will be issued?

A—

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Measures to improve the standard of the Seed for better
production of Groundnut Crop

7—

* 3734 Q.- Sri P. Sreeramurthy (Amadalavalasa) —Will the Minister for Agriculture and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent past groundnut crop has been badly affected and failed miserably due to the supply of defective Seed in A. P., and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to improve the standard of the seed for the betterment of production of the said commercial crop

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Appointment of Agricultural Support Price Fixation Committee

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*4102 Q.—Sri G. Ramachandraraju (Undi) —Will the Minister for Agriculture and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint an Agricultural Support Price Fixation Committee:

(b) if so, the details there of, and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

A.—

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is already a Committee at National level called Agricultural Prices Commission appointed by Government of India which is in-charge of this function.

Special Schemes for Popularising Gobar Gas Plants in the Village^s

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* 4014- Q.—Sri B. Rama Subbareddy (Kanigiri):—Will the Minister for rural Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any special schemes for popularising Gobar Gas plants in the villages, and

(b) if so, the details of the said schemes

A.—

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise.

Development of some Minor Ports at every 50 K.M. along the
Sea Shore

10—

* 4405 Q.—Sarvasri D. Narsaiah (Asifabad) and A. Bal Reddy (Dichpalli):—Will the Minister for Law and Ports be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to develop some minor posts at every 50 K.M. along the sea shore in our State ;

(b) if so, the time by which they will be completed ; and

(c) the amount expected to be spent on the above proposal ?

A.—

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Conducting of Survey for Mineral Exploration in Udayagiri Tq.

11—

* 4277 Q.—Sri Sundara Ramaiah (Alluru) :—Will the Minister for Mines and Sugar Industries be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government or any other agency conducted survey for mineral exploration in Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district ;
- (b) whether it is a fact that it was found that 'Copper' can be mined at Garimenapenta village, Udayagiri taluk ;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any steps to commence mining operation in the area ; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

A.—

- (a) Yes Sir. Investigations were carried out by different organisations viz., Geological Survey of India and the State Director of Mines and Geology etc.,
- (b) No Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Does not arise.

Raiding of the Workers of A.P.S.R.T.C. on the Head Office
of the Corporation on 28-4-1979

12—

* 4578-Q.—Sarvasri K. B. Siddiah (Puttur) and A. Venkateswarlu (Vinukonda) :—Will the Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the State Road Transport Corporation have raided on the head office of the Corporation on 28-4-1979 and ransacked the office of the General Manager ;
- (b) the reasons for this raid ;
- (c) the loss sustained on account of the raid ; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against the persons who raided the same ?

A.—

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The exact reasons for this raid are not known ;
- (c) About Rs. 6,000/—.
- (d) The Corporation has made immediate complaint about the incident to the local police station. A case was registered under Criminal case No. 122/79 Under Sections 148, 448, 427 read with Sec. 149 I. P. C. Some of the employees have been identified by the Chikkadpalli Police Station authorities but released on bail later.

(The House then adjourned to meet again at 8.30 a.m. on Friday the 15th June 1979)
