

Honorable Bob Dole, Kansas

Last December, at the request of the
Speaker, I went from Tulsa,
(Mr. Ford) and I visited India
~~I arranged the questions~~
~~from Tulsa (Mr. Ford)~~

MR. SPEAKER, I join in the statements made by the distinguished
Majority Leader (Mr. Albert) and the distinguished Minority Leader (Mr.
Ford) with reference to the President's statement on India and Indian
food needs. ~~I visited India in December, at the request of the Presi-~~
~~dent~~ and found the dimensions of the food crisis alarming. The self-
help efforts being carried out in the disaster plagued nation do, in
my opinion, offer real hope and encouragement. As stated in the Pres-
ident's message, "The war on hunger can be won only by the determined
efforts of the developing nations themselves." I also agree that ~~the~~
assistance from other countries must be organized and coordinated and
that a comprehensive plan must be developed.

While our visit to India was brief, it ~~does~~ ^{did} appear that the
government of India is placing increasing emphasis on agricultural
development. Now in the Fourth Five-Year Plan agriculture's priority
has been established as second only to national defense, and public
investment scheduled for agriculture during the Fourth Five-Year Plan
will more than double that for the Third Five-Year Plan.

There are ~~other~~ signs of encouragement in the ~~area of~~ fertili-
zer production, ~~increasing~~ supply of credit through cooperatives, de-
velopment of water and soil resources, increasing yields through the
High-Yielding Varieties program, and a number of other ~~self-help mea-~~
sures. ~~Programs designed to increase food production~~

The point is that, ~~although~~ ^{while} present efforts are not yet adequate,
progress has been made, and, ~~I feel that~~ ^{in my opinion,} the government of India, and the
Indians themselves, are earnest and sincere in their self-help efforts.

~~in the weeks ahead~~

In the weeks ahead Congress will have an opportunity to thoroughly consider the food needs of India and the responsibility of determining what our country can properly do to aid India in 1967 and thereafter. It is a tough problem, demanding of careful and thoughtful consideration,