

(ii) **Need to provide funds and accord sanction for construction of across Thungabhadra river**

SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI (Bellary): The proposed bridge across Thungabhadra river connects four districts, that is, Chitradurga, Bellary, Dharwad and Raichur districts and reduces distance by eighty kilometres. It also connects State Highway, which is a very important road, and is beneficial to the people of four districts including Bellary. The Hon. Minister for Surface Transport had accorded permission to take up this work during the current year under State Fund or with the assistance of CRF, but no action has yet been taken nor the funds under CRF programme have been provided. I, therefore, urge the Central Government to see that permission for construction of this bridge is accorded during the current year and funds are also provided under CRF programme.

(iii) **Need to introduce Boeing Service to Lilabari, Assam**

SHRI BALIN KULI (Lakhimpur): At present Vayudoot service is available between Guwahati and Lilabari, Lakhimpur. But the service is very irregular. Sometimes it operates and at times it does not, which causes great inconvenience to the travelling public and specially the Members of Parliament who are put to disadvantageous position, because without any prior intimation, the flight is cancelled at the eleventh hour and, as a result, they miss the connecting flight from Guwahati. In order to cater to the need of the people of that area, introduction of Boeing Service is essential. The present air-field at Lilabari may be improved so that Boeing service can be operated. This is a long-standing demand of the people of that area.

Therefore, I urge the Central Govern-

ment to introduce the Boeing service to Lilabari, Assam.

(iv) **Need to prepare Telephone bills in Hindi**

[*Translation*]

DR. LAL BHADUR RAWAL (Hathras): The policy of the Government of India has been to promote maximum use of Hindi language in all the Central Government offices situated in Hindi speaking areas. There was a time when all the telephone Bills were prepared by hand. According to the policy formulated by the Government many offices of Central Government started preparing telephone Bills by hand in Hindi. Again when the process of preparing them by Adrema machine started the language used in the Bill was English owing to the reason that at that time the plates were prepared in English. Later, on the persistent demand made by the public institutions along with the effort put in by the Government, arrangement to prepare the plates in Hindi was done. Consequently the offices in which this kind of an arrangement was made the practices of preparing telephone Bills in Hindi started once again. After the advent of computer the earlier practice of bills being prepared in Hindi abandoned on the pretext that computers were fed in English. This situation continues till date.

The Government has taken a policy decision to this effect that *Devnagari* script can also be used along with English. Computers which can work in Hindi are also being manufactured in the country. Still it is a cause of distress to the consumers of Hindi speaking areas and to adverse to the language policy of the Government. When we raised this issue and drew the attention of Delhi Mahanagar Telephone Corporation Limited towards it they informed in their reply that "telephone

Bills prepared by this office is computerised. Since the computer system in Hindi is not developed/available it is impossible to prepare the same in Hindi".

The Government is requested to look into this aspect as to whether it is a fact that preparing Bills in Hindi is really "impossible". It is understood that in other countries Bills are prepared in various languages for instance Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Dibu etc. If it is possible in those countries, it cannot be impossible in Hindi.

**(v) Need to develop Patna Airport to international standard**

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI (Maharajganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Bihar there are hundreds of tourist places of international importance but on account of inadequate arrangements they are gradually heading towards destruction. If Bihar had been connected with an international roadway like Amritsar it would have attracted scores of foreign tourists thereby earning a huge amount of foreign exchange. Bihar is the only State which has monasteries of 23 Buddhist countries. It has renowned places like Bodh Gaya, Vaishali, Pata and religious places of Buddhist, Jain and Sikh importance. In addition to this it has places of historical importance. North Bihar consists of temple of kamihara Patna, Gajagraha area of Sonapur, Vaishali, ancient Nalanda, Vikramshila university and sources of hot spring on Rajgir Munger etc. are various tourist places of international standard. However, owing to inadequate transport facilities, tourism cannot develop, with the result that the people of Bihar face economic and cultural loss. The country also suffers loss of foreign exchange. Only two cities of Bihar namely Patna and Ranchi are connected with air facility and these air-strips are not of international standard.

As such the Government is requested to develop Patna Airport to international standard with the assistance of World Bank keeping in view the aspect that Bihar is a State of tourist importance. At the same time it is requested that Muzaffarpur should also be connected with air service.

[English]

**(vi) Need to provide more LPG connections to applicants in the State of West Bengal**

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that there exists an acute crisis for LPG connections in all the districts of West Bengal. A large number of applications seeking LPG connections are pending since 1985 throughout the State. Now-a-days, the dealers are not booking for new LPG connections on the plea that they have reached their target. This is a very pitiable state.

To solve this problem, I urge upon the Central Government to increase the number of LPG dealers so that all the applicants throughout the State may be provided with LPG connections at an early date. They should also issue necessary instructions to the dealers to book new applications for LPG connections. I would also urge upon the Government to remove the gap between demand and supply of LPG in West Bengal. Thank you.

**(vii) Need for Central Funds to Himachal Pradesh under Desert Development Programme to check growing desert area in Una district**

[Translation]

PROF. PREM DHUMAL (Hamirpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, under the Desert Devel-