

1,100 workers only, which is not encouraging.

It is very much necessary to accentuate the efforts to further delineate the rocks and hasten the process of getting more minerals which can generate sufficient employment and revenue in this needy area.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to take some serious steps in this direction.

- (vii) **Need for early completion of Gandak and Kosi Irrigation Projects, Bihar.**

[*Translation*]

SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA (Vaishali): The main problem of northern Bihar is occurrence of devastating floods, water logging in nine lakh hectares of land and lack of irrigation facilities. As a result thereof, the condition of 4 crore people in this area has become very deplorable. The Government of Bihar has already expressed its inability to deal with the problem. As such, it becomes the responsibility of the Central Government to find an early solution to the problem. Effective steps should be taken to control flood and steps should be taken to clear out water logging in the area so that the farmers could produce fifty lakh tonnes of foodgrains every year easily. In the first phase the lower and upper Noon water drainage projects in Bhava Command area should be implemented so that local farmers could produce 66 lakh quintals of foodgrain every year. It will be a major step for increasing agricultural productions. Apart from this, the Gandak and Kosi Irrigation Projects, which remain half done, should also be completed during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Gandak project is an important inland and international irrigation project. I would like to draw

the attention of the Central Government towards this.

15.05 hrs

[*English*]

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE:  
DISAPPROVAL OF REPRESENTATION  
OF PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE  
AND  
REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL

**As Passed by Rajya Sabha.**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we shall take up further discussion on items No. 11 and 12 together. Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat was on his legs. He is not present.

Dr. Sudhir Ray.

15.06 hrs

[*Translation*]

Translation of the speech originally delivered in Bangla.

[SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA in  
the Chair]

DR. SUDHIR RAY (Burdwan)\*: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to oppose the bill as this bill casually approaches the problem of election and tries to solve them casually. Sir, there is no serious effort, whole-hearted approach to solve the election problem. When the first general election was held in 1952, a vast section of the population in India was illiterate and there had been apprehensions in many quarters that election would not be held smoothly. But that election was conducted by late Sukumar Sen in such a manner

\*Translation of the speech originally delivered in Bangala.