

[Dr K D Jeswani]

to give a serious thought to provide railway facilities in this area

- (v) **Need to Provide funds to State Government of Karnataka from the Central Road Fund for the repairs of State Highways**

SHRI G DEVARAYA NAIK (Kanara) Sharavathi bridge near Honnavar North Canara District, Karnataka State on National Highway 17 collapsed sometime back and most of the heavy traffic of buses, lorries, cars and other vehicles going from Kerala coastal Karnataka towards Bombay and Gujarat were plying via this bridge. Due to collapse of this bridge, the movement of all these vehicles had to be diverted via other local State Highways, namely Sagar Hubli via Sirsi, Siddapur Hubli via Yellapur, Haliyal and Sagar Hubli via Sorab.

With the increase of traffic, the condition of these roads has deteriorated at several places. It is, therefore, requested that the Ministry of Surface Transport may immediately allot Rs 10 crores for the immediate repairs of these State Highways from the Central Road Fund. It will enable the State Highways to withstand the heavy increase of traffic which would have otherwise moved via NH 17.

- (vi) **Need to arrange medicines and take other steps to control gastro-enteritis in Sarguja tribal district of Madhya Pradesh**

[Translation]

SHRI KHELSAI SINGH (Sarguja) Sir, in Suplaga and Bisarpani villages of Block Mainpar in district Sarguja in Madhya Pradesh

gastro-enteritis has spread. Between 22-2-92 and 18-3-92, in villages Suplaga and Bisarpani 11 and 3 persons respectively lost their lives because of this disease. On 20-3-92 approximately 36 persons were suffering from dysentery.

It is difficult to control disease in district Sarguja because there is no CMO and against four posts of DHO, only one DHO is working. There is shortage of medicines also. Therefore, the Central Government is requested to make available medicines in adequate quantity for controlling gastro-enteritis and may also advise the Government of Madhya Pradesh to immediately fill up the vacant posts in the Department of Health in district Sarguja.

- (vii) **Need for Setting up of a jute mill in Barpeta district, West Bengal**

[English]

SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN (Barpeta) Barpeta is a major jute growing district. Barpeta district and its adjoining districts are famous for jute cultivation in the entire NE region. The jute production in Barpeta district alone is nearly one lakh tonnes per annum. The jute grown there is of superior quality. There is a strong demand among the people for setting up a jute manufacturing unit in the district of Barpeta. Few years back attempts were made in this direction and the foundation stone was also laid at Guagacha, Barpeta district. But the jute mill has not been set up so far and proposed land for the unit is lying vacant.

The demand for setting up of a jute mill is still strong in the Barpeta district. The Barpeta district being the major jute growing area even today, I urge upon the Central Government to take measures to set up a jute mill in the district so that jute grown is utilised and employment potential be increased.