

MR. CHAIRMAN : We are getting very near the time.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR) : We want the Finance Minister to say something on this Issue.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN (QUILON) : First of all I would like to ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : His name can also be associated with that.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Sir, this is a different issue. I would like to raise another issue...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : All right, you had your time. Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

13.27 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till thirty minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.39 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Thirty-nine minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

(SHRI P.M. SAYEED in the Chair)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to Include Jaitpur and Upleta Tehsils in Rajkot District of Gujarat under Employment Assurance Scheme**

[Translation]

DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA (RAJKOT) : Employment Assurance Scheme under the IRDP has been implemented in several districts of the country, Though this scheme has been implemented in several tehsils of Rajkot district yet Jaitpur and Upleta tehsils have not been covered under this scheme. In fact, these tehsils of Rajkot districts of Gujarat have been hit by famine three years during the last five years. Even the drinking water is not available in that area. That area is also facing the problem of unemployment. People of this area have to migrate to cities or to South Gujarat to earn their livelihood. Therefore, if these two tehsils are covered under Employment Assurance Scheme under IRDP, the problem of unemployment can be solved to a great extent.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to cover these two tehsils under Employment Assurance Scheme.

- (ii) **Need to Provide Special Grant to State Government of Rajasthan to Solve the Problem of Seepage in Sri Ganganagar District**

SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN (SRI GANGANAGAR): The entire area in Tibbi Rawatsar and Pitibanga of Sri Ganganagar district of Rajasthan is getting ruined due to seepage in the soil. The houses and lands of the farmers have been rendered uncultivable. A special grant should be given by the Union Government to the State Govern-

ment of Rajasthan in order to conserve the land and to protect the farmers of the said area.

- (iii) **Need for testing of Hydrogen Bomb for the Defence of the Country**

SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH (MEERUT) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, a serious threat has been posed to the security of the country due to the presence of atomic weapons in the neighbouring countries and one super power of the world want to disintegrate this country and is aiding and abetting the ISI of Pakistan for the terrorists activities in the entire country. Explosions are taking place at the Railway Stations, metropolitan cities, buses and other places killing innocent people on large scale. Recently, a retired Chief of the Army Staff of our country had said that India should go in for testing of hydrogen bomb for the security of the country. Union Government is, therefore, urged to immediately go in for testing of hydrogen bomb for the defence of the country.

- (iv) **Need to set up a High Power Television Transmitter at Nizamabad, Andhra Pradesh**

[English]

SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY (NIZAMABAD) : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government that presently, there is a low power transmitter operating in Nizamabad that caters to only limited area and a large number of people of the district are deprived of the privilege of witnessing T.V. programmes in the State of Andhra Pradesh. In the past, several times, representations have been made to the Central Government that this low power transmitter should be replaced by a high power transmitter so that a large section of people are in a position to enjoy the television programmes. Television has become one of the important media through which all types of programmes, namely, educational, technical and various other national programmes which have become essential for people living in the backward areas are telecast. Television has also become one of the most effective means of entertainment to keep the people well versed with all the latest developments. In Nizamabad, large sections of people are deprived of all such programmes.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to instal a high power transmitter at Nizamabad which is my constituency.

- (v) **Need to provide STD Facilities at Amba and Barun in Auragabad District, Bihar**

(Translation)

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (AURANGABAD) : Sir, District Aurangabad of Bihar State is the most backward and terrorist effected district. I had requested the Government to implement a comprehensive action plan in all terrorist affected districts of Bihar as has been done in the Kashmir State. All blocks of this districts have not yet been connected with STD facility. Even police stations and police pickets have not been provided with telecome facilities due to which delay is caused in reporting the accidents. The Central Government is, therefore, requested