The Western Sugar Private Limited in village Mathura, in the district of Kalahandi, Orissa is not observing the norms of the Sugar Cane Policy. It has not paid the payments to the farmers. Only 25 to 35 per cent of loan was given and no advances were made available to the farmers. Due to lack of sufficient money, the entire sugar can cultivation got affected badly. The transportation facilities for the sugar cane were not provided to the farmers in time. As a result, the farmers of the district are forced to bear the heavy losses. The people from outside the area were given employment by the Western Sugar Private Limited at Mathura in Kalahandi District but the local unemployed youths were totally neglected. The rehabilitation rules are also not followed properly. The affected workers and the local unemployed are agitating severely. Therefore, I would request the Government of India to intervene in the matter and ensure right payment to the farmers and employment to the local people of Kalahandi.

(vi) Need to provide better communication facilities in Jodhpur, Rajasthan

[Translation]

SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT (Jodhpur) : District Jodhpur is a prominent industrial, trading and tourist centre on the western border of Rajasthan. It is essential to improve the telecommunications and postal services in this important city. For this purpose an already sanctioned 25,000 line telephone exchange be set up at the earliest so that the Telephone waiting list in the city is eliminated. The cables should be laid in the entire city to meet in requirements of the telephone exchanges. The telephones should be shifted on request within a week and the fault should be repaired within 24 hours.

The residents of the rural areas are no getting the full benefit of the telecommunication services. In most of the villages, radio telephones P.C.O.S. and P.C.O.S operated by cable telephones are out of order. The telephone traffic is on the increase in tehsil headquarters, tehsils and villages but the present number of lines are insufficient to cope with the traffic, and on top of it they are most of the time out of order. In order to improve the services in the rural areas, it is essential to increase the number of line, and the strength of the staff.

I would, therefore, request the Centre to take necessary steps.

(vii) Need to constitute a Regional Development Board in the Diyara area, Bihar

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR (Begusarai) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, about 20 lakh hectare land in Bihar and U.P. falls in the Diyara area, which creates social, economic and law and order problems there. The people residing in the Diyara area have to face to the drought and the floods. In the Lakhisarai district of Bihar, about 1 lakh population residing in the Diyara area remains cut of from the other parts of the country for four months due to rains and floods. There are neither roads nor bridges in the Diyara area and as such it lacks means of communications.

I, therefore, urge the Government to set up a diyara area development board to undertake development of the diyara area.

13.51 hrs.

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STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE: DISAPPROVAL OF ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION (THIRD) ORDINANCE

AND

ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION BILL

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now we shall go to item Nos. 20 and 21. The Minister has already replied. Now Shri Guman Mal Lodha is to reply and I hope that he will be very brief today.

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer) : What happened to yesterday's clarification?

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yesterday he spoke a lot and. therefore, we had to keep late at night.

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali) : Let him clarify that position, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : I shall clarify the position, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Okay, The Minister will clarify the position and then I think Lodhaji will withdraw his Statutory Resolution.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): Sir, my only request is that 2.30 P.M. we have fixed for discussion on CTBT. That is why I would request the House that this Bill should be passed immediately because we have spent a lot of time on this. Today morning also, the Law Minister met all the leaders. Therefore, we should pass it without any delay.

SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP : Sir, yesterday we had quite a marathon arguments on the provisions of clause 13, sub-clause (5) and clause 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill. The whole controversy