

MR. CHAIRMAN : How many times I told you to take your seat? Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please do not behave like this. I told you that the matter which you have raised is before the Chair. We will come to that later. But what is the point in shouting like this? Please understand that we are not taking up any Zero Hour issues today. Many issues are being raised today. A notice was given under Rule 184 by Shri Dasmunsi, Shri Panigrahi and Shri Ramesh Chennithala, and another notice was given under Rule 193 by Prof. P.J. Kurien. All these notices are under the active consideration of the hon. Speaker. So, a decision will be taken on this and the same will be informed to you. Then only, we can take up those matters. We are not taking up any other item today and, with the consent of the House, we are going to continue the discussion on Bihar. We are also skipping the lunch hour today and continue with the discussion.

SHRI A.C. JOS (IDUKKI) : What about matters under Rule 377?

[Translation]

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH (Aonla) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have also given a notice regarding Babrala.

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : Sir, matters under Rule 377 should be allowed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, we shall now take up matters under Rule 377.

12.13 hrs.

#### MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to take steps to check erosion caused by Chambal river in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.**

[Translation]

DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH (Bhind) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, thousands of hectares of cultivable land on both banks of the Chambal river which passes through Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have turned into ravines due to erosion of soil. As per the survey conducted by the scientists, if the pace of this erosion is

not arrested. Bind and Muraina districts of Madhya Pradesh would be cut off from the map of Madhya Pradesh turning into ravines of the Chambal. Whatever amount the Government had made available for this purpose was rather wasted more and utilised less. This fact is indicated in the Government's report too. If the Chambal valley is to be made green and cultivable, the only remedy for that lies in providing loans to the local landless and unemployed youths at the normal interest rate by the Government to make ravines cultivable by providing on lease.

Therefore, I would like to request the Union Government, through you, that necessary steps should be taken to arrest the erosion of thousands of hectares of land on either side of the banks of the Chambal river.

- (ii) **Need to set up a Diagnostic Centre of Cancer in Barpeta District of Assam.**

[English]

SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN (Barpeta) : The incidence of cancer is alarmingly growing in Assam particularly in the district of Barpeta. Every year people of different walks of life have been affected by the killer disease and many die of cancer. Ignorance prevailing among the people about the disease and absence of any diagnostic centre in the district have stood in the way for early diagnosis of the disease and consequent treatment. There is a strong and urgent demand for setting up a centre for the diagnosis and the treatment of the disease as except B. Barooah Cancer Institute at Gauhati, there is no such centre in the lower Assam and people in the District are willing to offer land for setting up the centre.

In view of the above, I would request the Union Government to consider this important and urgent issue and take necessary and immediate measures for setting up a diagnostic centre to check the growth rate of the cancer patients in the district.

- (iii) **Need for Erection of Anti-Sea Erosion Walls Along the Arabian Sea Coast of Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu.**

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagarcoil) : Arabian sea coast of Kanyakumari district is one of the major marine fish producing centres in the country. Fishermen in large numbers are living there. They are fully depending on fishing which is their traditional and only occupation. Now sea erosion is posing grave threat of destruction and damage. This year it has caused heavy loss and damages to the poor fishermen. Several fishing vessels, nets and houses are washed away by the rough sea and mighty