

(xvi) Need to open a Central School at Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh.

[Translation]

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT (Shajapur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shajapur district headquarters of Madhya Pradesh is situated on National Highway No. 3 and the broad gauge from Ujjain to Indore via Maksi-guna also passes there. Moreover, as there is a railway station too, families of thousands of Railway officers and staff of Central Road transport department live here. Many offices as Central Income Tax office is also there and the families of their staff also reside there. Thus they have a large number of school going children. So there is a need to open a Central school at Shajapur in Madhya Pradesh. I as well as the people have been making demand in this regard for a long time. I am ready to provide the money from the MPLAD fund for the building of the school. The State Government and district Administration have also already agreed to cooperate in this regard.

So, it is requested that approval should be accorded for opening a Central School in Shajapur.

(xvii) Need to construct a by-pass from Khuntuni to Pitappalli to reduce traffic congestion in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in Orissa.

[English]

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (Dhenkanal): Due to increasing traffic at the twin cities at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack the average speed of traffic on National Highway No. 5 to Bhubaneswar works out to only 30 kilometers per hour. This has resulted into huge annual loss in terms of consumption of fuel, waste of man hour etc. As a remedy to this, traffic of a part of National Highway No. 5 from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar and vice-versa needed to be diverted through an alternate route from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar. If a bypass road is constructed from Khuntuni on National Highway No. 42 to pitapalli on National Highway No. 5 the interception of traffic at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack particularly at junction points will be reduced to a large extent.

the employees of the steel plant which is coming up near Ghantikhal Railway Station, the students and staff of the Navodaya Vidyalaya near Munduli barrage and the tourists visiting Nandanakanan, the famous biological part which is also the world's foremost white tiger breeding Centre will be greatly benefited by this bypass. The State Government has submitted an alignment plan to the

Central Government in this regard proposing to provide a 59 kilometers loan bypass road.

I request the Central Government that the bypass proposed by the Government of Orissa be constructed at the earliest.

(xviii) Need to release necessary funds for construction of sea-wall along the coastal line in Kerala.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (Badagara): The State of Kerala has a long coast-line of 560 kms. of which 351 kms. are already protected by sea wall. Kerala used to receive Central assistance from the Union Government for construction of sea wall to protect the fragile coastline from sea erosion. However, this scheme was discontinued in the early nineties.

This year the heavy rainfall during the monsoon has eroded the Kerala sea shore. In my constituency at Tellicherry, Badagara, chorode and Payyoli sea erosion has been very serious and many families had to leave their homes. Every year this phenomenon is repeated.

The Government of Kerala have submitted a project report envisaging the construction of 67 kms. of new sea wall and 58 km of reformation work at a cost of Rs. 267 crores. This proposal includes provision of equipment for measuring the behaviour of sea during rough monsoon. I urge the Ministry at the earliest and release necessary funds for the project.

(xix) Need to set up Central Coconut Research Centre in Krishnagiri Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V VETRISLVAN (Krishnagiri): In my Krishnagiri Parliamentary Constituency, there are six MLA segment namely Bargur, Krishnagiri, Kaveripattanam, Palacode, Hosur and Tali. These segments are having a vast area of coconut plantation. The coconut farmers are facing huge losses due to several coconut crop diseases. No families are available to the farmers to solve such problems. As a result of which the quality and size of coconut is dwindling. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take immediate action to help the affected coconut farmers of my Parliamentary constituency. Central Coconut Research Centre may be started at one of the above mentioned segments to encourage and propagate coconut business and boost its exports.