

Home Minister should make a statement on this issue and in the event of his declining to do so, this issue pertaining to the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi must be discussed at least once in the form of a Motion such as Calling Attention or a motion under Rule 184 or 193.

**SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA** (Pali) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in a large area of Western Rajasthan, the 'Neelgaes' (a kind of big white-footed antelope) very frequently invade the farms and destroy the crops sown by the farmers. The Forest Department has not taken any action to overcome this menace. Owing to it, the farmers guard their fields throughout the night, but herds of 'Neelgaes' enter the fields and destroy the standing crops and the stacked crops. I, therefore, request you to set up a sanctuary for the 'Neelgaes' or else the Central Government should take necessary steps to provide relief to the farmers from this menace.

[English]

**SHRI A. CHARLES** (Trivandrum) : The Regional Passport Office in Cochin is almost paralysed or defunct. More than 5,000 applications for passport, which have completed all the formalities are pending for issue. The only reason for this is that out of seven lamination machines, six are out of order. So, they are not issuing the passport. Everyone knows the problem of unemployed youth. There are opportunities for several persons to go to the Gulf countries. They have received Visas; they have completed all the formalities; and except passport

everything is there. This is a very serious situation. People are very much frustrated.

Last year alone, 30,000 applications had been processed in that Office and that existing staff is not sufficient even for processing 10,000 applications. So, the existing staff is not adequate. More over, urgently the lamination machines have to be repaired. If my information is correct, it has got to be repaired only from Nasik because of their sensitive nature. Even a delay by one day means, several persons may lose appointment. So, the External Affairs Minister may look into and make arrangements for the immediate repair of those machines and issue of passport. Thank you.

**SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI** (Bellary) : Sir, I would like to raise the matter regarding bank robbery. Already several Hon. Members have spoken about it. I also would like to bring this to the notice of the Government. This is happening not only in Delhi, but throughout the country it is going on. Wherever rural banks are located, these robberies have become more often. There is no security in the bank and people are losing their confidence in the banking system.

So also, when passengers are travelling in the bus, these robberies are taking place and are being done by anti-social elements to cater to their needs and to further their activities. Therefore, the areas where such incidents are taking place should be located and proper arrangements should be