

Chandausi, Manpur, Bela, Tekari, Fatehpur, Wazirganj, Atri and Khijra Sarai etc. Blocks and will generate 30 MW of electricity, completion of this project will benefit more than fifty lakh farmers of Gaya and its twelve border districts.

12.41 hrs.

[SHRI P.M. SAYEED *in the Chair*]

Construction of Mohane Reservoir Project could not be started till now. I, in the public interest, request the Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources through this House that the construction of this project should be started immediately so that farmers of this region could be benefitted and presently the industries which are unable to prosper because of power shortage prosper with the availability of power and the local people are provided with jobs.

(ii) **Need to allocate adequate LPG to Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu to clear the Backlog**

[English]

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagercoil) : Sir, the common people of Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu are facing a lot of difficulties and inconvenience for a long time due to acute shortage of LPG connections. The waiting list is very long almost in all the gas agencies there. In some agencies, consumers are not getting opportunities to get gas connections even seven years after registration. This District is declared as cent per cent literacy district. In most of the families there, both males and females are employed. They are the worst affected people due to the long waiting list. Moreover, Kanyakumari District is located in between Arabian Sea and the Western Ghats. The coastal, tribal and other people of mountainous areas need to be protected giving special attention in the allotment of gas connections.

I urge upon the Government to allot adequate number of LPG connections to the gas agencies of Kanyakumari District so as to enable them to clear the prevailing long waiting list.

(iii) **Need to increase the number of Flights from Calcutta to Tezpur**

SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA (Tezpur) : Sir, the Headquarters of Sonitpur district in Assam, Tezpur occupies an important place in Indian mythology. Agnigarh hill in the heart of Tezpur was the fortified abode of Usha, the bewitching maiden of King Banasura. Legend has it that Usha fell in love with the picture of debonair Aniruddha of Dwaraka, son of Krishna, painted by Chitrlekha. Usha's bosom companion, Chitrlekha managed to get Aniruddha flown over from Dwaraka to Tezpur in Krishna's Pushpak Rath. Aniruddha was instantly smitten by passionate love for

Usha and having tied the proverbial nuptial knot, both had flown back by the same Pushpak aircraft from Tezpur to Dwaraka and lived happily ever after.

Against this glorious aviation mythological background, it is highly lamentable that Tezpur does not have regular air services even on the verge of 21st century.

Presently, there are only two flights a week by Indian Airlines from Calcutta to Tezpur and Imphal to Calcutta after the NEPC flights from Calcutta to Guwahati and Tezpur were discontinued. There is an imperative need to increase the number of flights to at least five per week from Calcutta to Tezpur by Indian Airlines alone or by IAC and another private airlines together.

Apart from nearly 100 tea gardens in Sonitpur district and vicinity of Arunachal Pradesh, the Headquarters and Cantonments of 4 Corps of the Army, Indian Air Force bases for fighter and transport squadrons, Zonal Head Offices of Border Roads, MES and Assam Rifles and the Central University were located in or near Tezpur. The stimulus provided by greater frequency of flights will generate more than adequate passenger traffic, a part of which is now getting diverted to Guwahati.

I would, therefore, fervently urge the Civil Aviation Ministry to take necessary effective measures to increase the number of flights to Tezpur from Calcutta at least to five per week, if not daily and to construct a separate civil enclave within IAF's present airport complex for smooth management of passenger traffic.

(iv) **Need to shift LPT installed in Shekhpura, Bihar to a Government building.**

[Translation]

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR (Begusarai) : Mr. Chairman Sir, an L.P.T. has been installed in Shekhpura, Bihar. The building in which this L.P.T. has been installed is a private one and is insecure. Keeping in view its safety, District Officer of Shekhpura has written to Director, Doordarshan, Patna for installing it in a Government building. I have also written several letters for shifting it to a Government building from the private building but no action has since been taken in this regard.

Central Government is, therefore, requested that L.P.T. may be installed in a Government building by shifting it from the private building.

(v) **Need to set up a Doordarshan Kendra at Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN (Indore) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Indore of Madhya Pradesh is a down of art and industries. Indore and its nearby areas has given us several artists of world fame. Several cultural organisations are cooperating in promoting Indian arts. The culture of Malwa is known since old ages for its own specialities. From political angle too Indore has got