

the recent past. Much of the machinery imported at heavy cost proved to be unsuitable to Indian geo-mining conditions. It is adding to the cost of coal produced in our country. The Committee appointed to go into this question has submitted a report but it largely remained unimplemented.

Lakhs of persons were displaced due to taking over of their land for mining operations who have not been given promised jobs and their rehabilitation not attended to.

The subsidence of mining land fire and gas have created several social problems in the coal mining belt and people are living in unhealthy and dangerous environment. The situation is very precarious in Raniganj and Dhanbad Jharia Coal belts.

The commitments given to the workers in Joint Bipartite Committee in coal industry are not implemented by the management. There is acute resentment among the coal miners for non implementation of the pension scheme worked out jointly.

I urge the Government to act expeditiously to set the matters right.

(vii) Need to expedite the setting up of high power relay station at Anoopgarh, Rajasthan

SHRIMATI VASINDHARA RAJE (Jhalawar) Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this House, and in particular to the notice of the Information and Broadcasting Minister, a most serious matter concerning the people of Rajasthan.

The local residents of the border towns of Rajasthan who share a long border with Pakistan are making an all-out effort to stop the cultural invasion of Pakistan TV and Radio. In the absence of Low Power Transmitters, these people are compelled to watch Pakistan TV/Radio which telecasts/broadcasts biased news items concerning Jammu and Kashmir and has a decidedly communal over-tone. It describes terrorists as Muzahids and brands Indian officers killed by

them as Hindu officers and projects an overall damaging picture of India.

A 10 KV relay station at Anoopgarh had been sanctioned some time ago but, unfortunately, delay in installation has forced the people to start collecting funds and requesting grants from local bodies in order that disc antennas may be purchased to provide free connections for Cable TV so that they are saved from this Pakistani cultural onslaught and also so that the minds of the younger generation that are compelled to catch all this are not poisoned.

In view of this I request the Government to urgently set up the Anoopgarh relay station and take the necessary/vital steps to stop this cultural invasion by Pakistan.

(viii) Need to re-open Punalur Paper Mill in Kerala

SHRI KODIKKUNJI SURESH (Adoor) Sir, Punalur Paper Mill is the only industry of Adoor constituency of Kerala. It has been closed due to the appointment of Receiver by Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited. Five thousand workers of the mill, one thousand employees working in the mill and four thousands in force are starving. Punalur towns economy has been adversely affected. If the mill is reopened it will contribute Rs. five crores sale tax to the State Government and Rs. ten crores excise duty to the Union Government.

The Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited have initiated proceedings for selling machines of the mill. Advertisement to that effect has appeared in news papers. I request the Union Government to intervene in the matter and reopen the Punalur Paper Mill.

I also request the Government to immediately give due notice to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India to withdraw the Receiver and reopen the mill.