

[Sh Baburao Paranjpe]

fisherman community which includes its various synonyms

If is, therefore urged that the controversy over the question of Majhi, Majhwar and fishermen community as contained in the schedule relating to tribes should end now. Actually Manjhi is the fishermen community and the fishermen community is known as Manjhi, so these names should be deleted from the list of backward classes and the minor difference of a matra involved in these should be done away with. Orders should be passed to extend various benefits to the Manjhi community of Madhya Pradesh with immediate effect and the controversy in this regard should be settled by including this name in the Reservation Bill, under consideration.

[English]

(vi) Need to augment production of pig iron in the country

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly)
Acute shortage of pig iron has been the cause of a major irritant in our foundry and engineering industry for the last few years. Several steps have been suggested to overcome this problem. The total requirement of pig iron estimated at over two million tonnes should be taken care of by the indigenous production of SAIL plants and by imports.

The recently announced decision to allow import of pig iron under Open General Licence will not solve the problem although such steps may ease the situation to some extent.

Proper distribution of pig iron is another matter which requires urgent consideration.

I would urge upon the Central Government to initiate urgent steps to augment

production of pig iron to meet the requirements of our country while resorting to increased import of pig iron as an interim measure.

(vii) Need to utilise surplus water of Krishna Basin in Karnataka

SHRI V KRISHNARAO (Chikballapur)
In Krishna Basin there is surplus water upto 90 T M C. This would feed the drought prone areas of Karnataka i.e. Chitradurga Tumkur, parts of Kolar and Bangalore districts. The Karnataka people of this drought prone area, are urging for the implementation of this project on top priority basis. This is a very long pending project.

Hence, I strongly urge upon the Government to take up this vital project immediately and save the people who are in distress.

[Translation]

(viii) Need to set up a yarn factory in Jahanabad district of Bihar

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad)
Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, district Jahanabad of Bihar has been declared a sensitive district several years ago. The unemployment problem is very acute there. This district is one of the most backward districts of Bihar. There is not even a single small or major industry in this district. No irrigation facilities have been provided in this district so far, as a result of which this district remains a backward district as far as agriculture is concerned.

There are a large number of handloom cooperatives in district Jahanabad, but due to the non-availability of yarn almost all the weavers have been rendered idle. It is, therefore, requested that a cotton spinning mill should be set up there to spin yarn for these cooperatives.