

most suitable Markachon sub-division in Koderma Parliamentary Constituency as the place is situated near the best soldier school at Tilaimadam.

Bariardoh of Markachon sub-division is located on a Central place through which Calcutta-Delhi direct railway line the N.H. No. 2, G.T. Road, the N.H. 31 and the Patna-Ranchi road pass. The proposed 7658.33 acres of land areas almost belongs to the Government and it is moisture and pollution free. There is no need to give compensation for this area. This place having been secured by mountains all around is best from strategic point of view. Water, electricity and raw material are also available. The expert-team has also admitted that it is a best place. Two Chief Ministers and the one Minister of Industry of the Government of Bihar have also recommended this site. Nineteen MPs and 25 MLAs have also recommended the site for sitting up of the ordnance factory. Since 1985, it has been a long standing demand of the common man and all faction of the national Front.

As such, for the sake of national security and for fulfilling the aspirations of the youth, the foundation of a propellant ordnance factory be laid at Markachon without any further loss of time.

[English]

(vii) Need for expediting the completion of Nambiyar and Poigaiyar, Kodumudiyar Reservoir schemes in Tamil Nadu

SHRI DHANUSKODI R. ATHITHAN (Tiruchendur): Madam, my constituency is often affected by drought. It is a rain shadow area. The well water becomes saline is saltish water percolates down into ground water. In some places one pot of water costs two rupees. To solve these problems, the Government should construct the long pending Pachaiyar, Nambiyar, Poigaiyar and Kodumudiyar reservoir schemes.

The Nambiyar, Poigaiyar and Kodumu-

diyar Schemes have already been sanctioned. Adequate funds may be allocated for early completion of the construction of these reservoirs.

For the Panchaiyar scheme, the Central Government may give concurrence after it receives the State Government's recommendations.

I request the Minister of Water Resources to look into these schemes and direct early completion of the Nambiyar, Poigaiyar, Kodumudiyar Schemes and early sanction of the Pachaiyar Scheme.

(viii) Need to cover Sunderbans area under the small scale Fisherfolk Communities in Bay of Bengal Project

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (Joynagar): Madam, while nature had been bounteous to Sunderbans in West Bengal in endowing it with very rich flora and fauna, unfortunately its inhabitants, mostly rural folk, are deep-rooted in poverty. There is no industry, even cottage and small scale, in this most backward area to sustain them and they depend for their livelihood mainly on fishery and would collection in the forests. It is very agonising that even after so many plans, quite a large number of the people in this area have at times to miss two square meals a day. Presently, the prime need is to provide them with some means of sustenance. Fishery is the only hope for them. It would not only generate employment, provide them with food and raising its nutritional level, but also help Government in earning much-needed foreign exchange. In order, therefore, to increase production and productivity in fisheries in the Sunderbans, I urge the Government to formulate some production oriented programmes, input supply programmes and development programmes in a big way in the Sunderbans area. It is learnt that under the Bay of Bengal Programme, the progress of the Project 'Small Scale Fisherfolk Communities in Bay of Bengal' was reviewed during the last year. But its outcome is not known. I request the