

[Dr. Laxminarayan Pandey]

the tune of crores of rupees due to the policy of the Cotton Corporation of India. Government is, therefore, requested to set up purchase centres in the cotton producing districts of Madhya Pradesh without any delay.

**(vii) Need for steps to maintain ecological balance in the country**

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the following matter under Rule 377:-

There should be a uniform law throughout the country for maintenance of ecological balance and social awareness should be created among the people to abide by the law. The Government would also have to create a social awakening among the people.

The Government is, therefore, requested to set up more and more national parks to maintain ecological balance.

[English]

**(viii) Need to take measures for normalising relations between India and Pakistan**

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla): India did not have a favourable response in the past in its moves towards improvement in the relations with Pakistan. True, that Pakistan has not been warm to India's gestures of goodwill extended at various points of time in the past, yet the fact remains that India has to strive for friendship with Pakistan. The friendship between the two countries is decidedly mutually advantageous.

In any case, beginning has to be made in some areas to normalise relations. Protocols have been signed for cultural exchanges etc. These protocols need to be implemented and strengthened further.

Government should make a move and take up with Pakistan the question of opening Srinagar-Rawalpindi road. The passport

and visa restrictions will, of course, remain but these could be made less stringent.

What the Central Government can take notice of is that Russian Perestroika has swept the entire world, especially Europe and more particularly Eastern part of Europe. The Berlin wall is gone. Why can't a road which used to be the main link between Kashmir and the then Punjab, be opened with precautions that are necessary.

This step will go a long way to heal the wounds and normalise relation between India and Pakistan.

**(ix) Need to take necessary steps for an amicable solution of the Punjab problem**

SHRI MANDHATA SINGH (Lucknow): The healing touch given to Punjab by the present Government has probably paved the way for an amicable solution of the Punjab tangle. Now the hard task of coming to grips with concrete problems like the river water and territorial disputes, publication of Thakkar Commission Report on Indiraji's assassination and the Misra Commission Report on the 1984 riots followed by consequential action should find top priority on the Government's agenda. This is bound to assuage the hurt feelings of the brave Sikh community and usher in a new era of emotional and national integration in the country resulting in isolating the separatist tendencies.

11.46 hrs.

**MOTION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Prime Minister.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, I beg to move: