

Services the tourists and industrialists face many difficulties. Bareilly is having speedy industrial development. As such in the absence of Vaydoot this is also being hampered. I have met the hon. Minister several times regarding connecting Bareilly with Vayudoot Services immediately and he has given assurance in this regard. Keeping in view the importance of the city, effective steps should be taken to connect Bareilly immediately with Vayudoot services on priority basis. In this regard the citizens of Bareilly have urged upon to construct the Civil air strip near the military airstrip which will be near Bareilly and will be convenient. The officers of Vayudoot also have no objection to this proposal.

- (xii) **Need for giving assistance to Uttar Pradesh Government to meet the water scarcity in Western Uttar Pradesh and getting World Bank aid for long term schemes for the purpose**

SHRI HARPAL SINGH PANWAR (Kairana): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, West Uttar Pradesh makes the maximum contribution to the Central Foodgrain Pool. If the farmers of Western Uttar Pradesh are provided with adequate irrigation facilities etc. they would be in a position to produce maximum foodgrains and further make a large contribution to the Central Foodgrain Pool.

At present West Uttar Pradesh is facing acute water crisis. The sources of water such as rivers, ponds and wells etc. have all dried up. The underground water of Chaugama region of Western Uttar Pradesh in Meerut district have gone down to a great extent. There is scarcity of water not only for irrigation purposes, there is acute shortage of drinking water for domestic animals and even for human beings. In order to increase the availability of water for irrigation, bargages should be constructed on the two small rivers called Hindon and Krishna. More water should be released for all the canals of this region from Tejewala Headworks so that the canals can have good flow of water. I

strongly demand the Central Government to extend special assistance to State Governments for the installation of handpumps with the capacity to draw water from a depth of 100 feet and for sinking and repair of tube wells. Further, in order to find a permanent solution to meet the water scarcity problem long term schemes should be formulated by obtaining world Bank aid.

- (xiii) **Need for taking steps to check spreading of Kala Azar fever in Bihar**

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, keeping public interest in view I want raise the following matter of importance:

"A large number of people in Bihar lost their lives on account of Kala Azar fever. This disease is not being properly treated in the state of Bihar. The medicine for this disease is imported from foreign countries and the cost of one Ampoule is Rs. 4000 and as such it is difficult for the poors to afford it. This disease generally spread among the poor people and the labourers. This has spread in the villages of Jahanabad Parliamentary Constituency. In our region thousands of people have become victim to this disease and a large number of people are going to meet their end shortly on account of this disease. This disease is spreading as an epidemic and whenever it enters a house it destroys the entire family. The Central Government has got a centre in Patna for the treatment of Kala Azar fever. The work of this centre is not to treat the patients. They misappropriate the allocation made by the Central Government among themselves. In this connection I made a complaint in 1988 during the Seventh Lok Sabha. The then Health Minister Shri Moti Lal Vohra paid a visit to Patna. I was called in the Secretariat and the Health Minister of Bihar Shri Dilkishore Ram was also present. All the facts were mentioned and a commitment to investigate into the same was also made. I would like to demand the Government to make an early provision to sprinkle medicine in the villages in order to save the people from Kala