

3 } (iii) **Need to set up an electronic telephone exchange at Rosera (Bihar)** (MUR 377)

[Translation]

SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY (Rosera): All the telephones in Ghanshyampur, Biraul, Kusheshwar and Hasanpur divisions of Rosera constituency in Bihar have been out of order since 1987. Despite repeated complaints from the public, nothing has been done to set the telephones in order. The telephone lines of all the afore-said divisions have been connected with the Khagaria exchange, whereas these should have been connected with Darbhanga and Samastipur exchanges. Moreover, there is an urgent need of an electronic exchange at Rosera. The Rosera telephone exchange had been shifted to Dal Singh Sarai in contravention of the rules.

I would, therefore, like to urge upon the Government to set up a new electronic exchange at Rosera and to get all the telephones in the entire constituency set in order at the earliest.

7 } (iv) **Need to develop Champaran into a popular tourist resort** (MUR 377)

[English]

SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA (Bettiah): Sir, the districts of East and West Champaran, originally Champaran, is the Karambhum of Mahatma Gandhi, father of the nation where from Gandhiji started in 1917 the freedom movement to free the motherland from the bondage of British Salavery. It is mere coincidence that nearly 23 hundred years after the birth of Chandragupta Maurya at village Rampurva, West Champaran, Gandhiji reached almost the same vilage and kneeled down to flight the Nilahas i.e. the British Indigo planters from his Bhitiharawa Ashram. Rampurva and Bhitiharawa are almost adjacent being hardly 1 km. apart. There are many other world famous historical and tourist sights in Champaran like Loria Nandangarh, Chankigarh,

Loria Araraj etc. market by 5 Ashokan pillars not to be found anywhere in the world. The Bull capital, one of the Ashokan pillars at Rampurva stands before the Darbar Hall at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, while the lion capital of the second Rampurva pillar is still at Calcutta museum. The Ashokan pillars with lion capital mark Champaran as the land of renunciation by Sidhartha who subsequently became world famous Gautam Buddha and the route he took to, there after to Champran is also the land of Valmiki, the great saint. To promote the glarious past of India it is imperative that the Buddhist circuit be extended from Vaishali to the above sights of Champaran and Champaran be brought on the national and international tourist map through development of tourist infrastructure.

Health
374 (v) **Need to give recognition to the electropathy system of medicine** (MUR 377)

[Translation]

SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH (Sidhi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Under Rule 377 I would like to submit here that four systems of medicines viz. allopathy, Homeopathy, Unani and Ayurveda, have been popular in our country for the past many years. They have all been recognised by the Ministry of Health. Another system of medicine, called Electropathy or Electrohomeopathy is being spread and propagated by N.E.H.M. of India. Sixty medical institutions in the country are offering three year diploma course in B.I.M.S. Upon the request of the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi, the Health Ministry constituted a committee to give recognition to this system of medicine. This five member committee consisted of four allopathic Doctors and one Homeopathic Doctor. Although the time given to the committee for this purpose is over, it is yet to submit its report to the Health Ministry. This system, which is much more effective, beneficial and harmless as compared to other systems of medicines should be given due recognition. I request the hon. Minister of State of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to ask for the

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committee's report within one week and lay it on the Table of the House, immediately. The Government should protect and patronise the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi and ensure bright future for this system of medicine.

SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR (Bikaner): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, before raising the matter under Rule 377, I would like to draw the attention of your goodself and the august House towards the problems being faced by sportsmen including Gold-medialists of Bikaner (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Only the approved text will go on record.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR: Before raising the matter under Rule 377, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the plight of our Gold-medialists. (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, not like that.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I shall look into it myself. Why are you interrupting unnecessarily?

(*Interruptions*)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: This will not form part of the proceedings.

(*Interruptions*)

(vi) **Need to take adequate steps to promote cycling competitions particularly in Bikaner, Rajasthan** *376* *11/11/90 377*

[Translation]

SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Under Rule 377 I would like to submit that Bikaner city and its adjoining areas have always held a prominent place in the field of sports in the country. For the past twenty years, players from that area have topped the national level cycling competitions. It won't be an exaggeration to call Bikaner 'Road king'. When we see the performance of our sportsmen in Olympics and Asian Games, our heads hand in shame. In a country of 83 crore people. There is no lack of talent. Unfortunately, we do not care for our talented sportsmen and those who have won gold medals at national level, though we lavishly spent crores of rupees for constructing flyovers etc., during Asiad. There are no proper arrangements for providing even good food to them.

Sir, there are many cycling champions in Bikaner who have won dozens of medals including Gold medals at national level competitions and who aspire to establish new national and international records, but unfortunately, their dreams and aspirations are getting frustrated due to poverty. There is also no provision to provide these talented people jobs, on which they can bank upon for their sustenance nor are there any arrangements to provide them good food. They do not have either track or stadium facilities, or coaches to train them. Bikaner has a cycling track but the problem is that the coaches there do not permit them to practice there. If both the State and Central Governments pay even a little attention towards providing them good food, making arrangements for employment and coaching, it is certain that Bikaner will produce cycling champions of international standards, who will keep the country's flag flying at championships.