

SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: I never used an unparliamentary word in my political career which was made to be expunged from the proceedings. In my political career I never misbehaved or made an ugly scene. But today the community which I am going to represent—that is not the question of Karnataka farmers alone, but it is the entire farming community. They are in such an awkward position because of the price hike. The Government is not coming forward to give relief. On account of my feelings to the farming community only, I took the extreme stand of sitting in the well. It is not the question of bringing any discredit, disregard or disrespect either to the Chair or to this august House. I am going to respect the directions given by the Chair. But the Government is not understanding the real problem of the farmers and they should come out categorically with details of what type of relief they are going to give. With these words I am prepared to go back to my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

At this stage, Shri H. D. Devegowda went back to his seat

13.23 hrs.

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(vi) **Need to connect Hazaribagh by rail**

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA (Hazaribagh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hazaribagh (Bihar State), which apart from being the district headquarters, is also the headquarters of the North Chhota Nagpur Division. However, it has not been connected with a railway line so far. Survey work from Giridih to Hazaribagh and Hazaribagh to Ranchi has already

been conducted in this regard. Forest and Mineral resources abound in Hazaribagh and both the Union and State Governments are earning millions of rupees from there. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Railway to make an announcement regarding connecting Hazaribagh by rail.

(vii) **Need to make available necessary equipment for upgradation of Aurangabad Telephone Exchange**

[*English*]

SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE (Aurangabad): Aurangabad in the last two decades has grown into one of the leading industrial as well as tourist bases of our country. Today the population of the city is over 6 lakhs, with over 1000 industrial units of various sizes.

The basic ingredient of development of city is its communication network. As of date Aurangabad, including its satellite areas has capacity of approximately 10,000 telephone lines. Of these 8,000 have been connected. Despite the recent sanction of 200 lines to Chikhalthana and other 500 lines to Waluj exchanges, there are over 13,000 requests on the waiting list or telephone connections.

Even more than waiting is the apathy due to non-availability of the necessary upgradation equipment for Aurangabad Exchange for which the building is ready. This, in fact, has led to slowing down of progress of development of this great city.

It is, thus, very essential that the requisite equipment for upgradation of Aurangabad Telephone Exchange be made available expeditiously. Also interdialing tandem be provided at Aurangabad connecting Waluj, Chikhalthana and Paithan with Aurangabad.