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order to solve housing problems, the Government should set up a panel of experts in production, administration and management from talent available in India and abroad. Land should be made available at reasonable cost. Public sector should also be encouraged at par with the Government organisations. Housing projects should be entrusted to the private and public agencies on equal terms and the Government should make available many, materials, machinery and training to men. Industrialisation of housing will also help to achieve economy, quality and speed. The Government should consider all these factors and announce a new revised National Housing Policy soon.

(ii) Need to link railway line between Kadur-Chikmagalur-Belur-Saklespur

SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA (Chikmagalur): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the need to linking railway line between Kandur-Chikmagalur-Belur-Saklespur.

This demand to link Chikmagalur railway line has been pending for the last 50 years. So far only surveys have been conducted without implementation. The above mentioned link railway line of 80 kms. will connect Chikmagalur district headquarters, Belur, the favour Tourist centre and Saklespur on Hassan-Mangalore railway line. Chikmagalur is the biggest coffee growing district of India. It also produces substantial quantity of spices which are also exported. But this district continues to be industrially backward due to lack of railway link.

I urge the Central Government to take immediate steps to sanction the above link line and include it in the 1991-92 Railway Budget.

(iii) Need to instal a high Power TV Transmitter at Annavaram in East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh

SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU (Kakinada): Sir, East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh

is the largest district with an area of about 11,000 sq. km and an estimated population of about 80 lakhs. With an economy that is dependent primarily on agriculture, the population is mostly rural. Literacy level and the political awareness of people in the district is higher as compared to other districts and there is a desire by the rural masses to get educated more. In serving this objective and towards increasing literacy, television can play a very important role in the district.

Large areas of the district still remain uncovered by TV in spite of the three Low Power Transmitters of 1 KW each in operation in the district. Some prominent towns such as Tuni, Annavaram and Jaggampeta are also not covered by the existing Low Power Transmitters.

In order to facilitate the coverage of these areas, I would like to urge the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to instal a High Power Transmitter of 10 KW at Annavaram which is a suitable location because of its high altitude. This would definitely help cover most of the areas in the district and give a positive thrust to education among the rural masses.

(iv) Need to provide electricity and diesel in the country particularly in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM SAGAR (Bara Banki): Mr. Chairman, Sir, under Rule 377 I would like to draw the attention of the House to this important issue.

Most of the districts in Eastern Uttar Pradesh are facing acute shortage of electricity and diesel. Farmers do not get power supply even for six hours a day and the diesel quota they get for one week suffices only for one day for irrigation and ploughing by tractor. This is affecting the agricultural operations and if the same situation continues, farmers will have to suffer a lot in future. There is great anxiety and resentment among farmers over the uncertain future.