

[Shrimati Vyjayantimala Bali]

be given concessions on the 1st class Railway and air journeys. I request the Government to consider these requests favourably.

(ii) Need to declare Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu, as 'drought-prone area' and provision of funds for exclusion of Rural Water Supply Schemes

SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM (Arakkonam): Sir, Arakkonam, in my constituency, covers mostly rural areas under Sholinghur, Pallipat, Ranipet, Katpadi talukas, lakhs of people living there are engaged in agricultural work, daily wages earners, wavers, tannery workers etc. They are mostly backward and belong to weaker sections of the society. They have been facing acute drinking water problem. They are finding it extremely difficult to get drinking water, leave alone finding water for other use. The underground water table is so scarce that even after boring the ground for 250 ft. or 300 ft. deep, water source is bleak.

It is, therefore, requested that the Government may declare these areas as drought prone areas and immediately arrange to provide funds for execution of rural water supply schemes in these areas on priority basis. The rural water supply schemes can be taken up and executed by the military personnel drawn from the Madras Regiment who can complete the work expeditiously.

(iii) Needs to set up, Fisheries University in Kerala

SHRI T. BASHEER (Chirayinkil): It is learnt that the Government of India proposes to set up a University of fisheries. Kerala has a strong case for establishment of university of fisheries.

Kerala is the leading producer of marine products. The State has the highest population of fishermen in the country. The State have also pioneered several new ventures

as the shrine hatchery at Azhikode and the sea farm at Malapuzha. A number of Central institutes such as Central Marine fisheries Research Institute, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology etc. are located in Kerala.

In view of these facilities already existing, the University will be able to operate successfully right from its inception.

In the light of the above facts, I request the Government to set up a fisheries university in Kerala.

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(iv) Need to set up mineral based industry in Chhota Nagpur (Bihar) to provide employment to unemployed youth

SHRI JORAWAR RAM (Palamau): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Chhota Nagpur region which is predominantly inhabited by the tribals, Harijans and other backward communities, is an immeasurable storehouse of innumerable minerals. Despite this, development is a dream for this area because none of the Governments which have been hitherto in power, has formulated any plans with a specific view for the development of this area. As a result thereof, the people of this region have been indulging in separatist and parochial politics in the name of Jharkhand and Bananchal movements.

Particularly in Palamau, there are vast deposits of coal, farnicle, Lime stone, Dolomite, Magnetite, Graphite, China clay, Bauxite, Granite, Felspar, and quartz Marble. Pata, Lac and Mahua trees are also found in large numbers in Palamau. Unemployed youth could be provided with employment by setting up Mineral—based industries in this area.

(v) Need to provide jobs to trained apprentices in Ordinance factories

SHRI BABURAO PARANJPE (Jabalpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for the