

[Sh. Mohanlal Jhikram]

which is a district head-quarter, having a population of 50 to 60 thousands. Besides the registered consumers, there are thousands of people who have illegal gas connections. They get L.P.G. cylinders in black market at double the rates, causing difficulties to the registered consumers. The seuffle between the gas-agents and the consumers has become a routine matter. The consumers & myself have sent many complaints to Hon. Minister of Petroleum & Chemicals, New Delhi but in vain. Consumers are facing difficulties. I wrote to the Department of Petroleum to open another gas-agency at Mandla. Thousands of consumers are waiting eagerly for another gas agency. Therefore, it is requested that another gas agency may kindly be opened there immediately.

(ii) **Need to declare Jammu as the winter Capital of J & K State**

[English]

SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA (Jammu): In Jammu and Kashmir State, the Government offices remain open for six months during the winter season in Jammu. Jammu is known as the winter capital of J & K State but there is no mention of this fact in the State as well as in Central Government records. I would like to urge upon the Government to declare Jammu as a winter capital of J & K State officially and entries be made in the official records accordingly.

(iii) **Need to allot land for constructing an Oriya medium School in South Delhi**

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur): Two lakhs approximately Oriya-speaking people are presently residing in Delhi. However, there does not exist a single Oriya medium school in the capital

today. As against this situation, a chain of language medium schools have already been established since long, to cater to the needs of our multilingual States. The Government of India and the Delhi Administration have played a commendable role in fulfilling this basic educational need.

The Delhi Oriya Education Society founded in 1988 is aimed primarily to the setting up of Oriya medium schools. Its main purpose is to safeguard the interest of Oriya speaking people in Delhi. The society needs at least five acres of land at a suitable place in South Delhi for the construction of a school building. Since these procedures are time-taking, four adjacent quarters of Lodhi Estate or Hauz Khas where at present a large number of Oriya families are inhabited are considered necessary for functioning of the School immediately.

I appeal to the Government of India to provide four adjacent quarters either in Lodhi Estate of Hauz Khas immediately and also allot five acres of land expeditiously for the cause of the needy Oriya education.

(iv) **Need to check rise in prices of edible oils**

[English]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as per the figures available with regard to production of edible oils, it is clear that the quantum of edible oils being produced in the country is adequate in terms of their per capita requirement for a balanced diet and there should be no shortage of any kind in this regard. But the prices of this item are going up continuously due to artificial scarcity being created by traders and hoarders and the general public is forced to pay high price for this item. The Government is also forced to take recourse to import due to the above reason.