

[Sh. Harish Rawat]

Rishikesh—Srinagar—Kotdwar motorable road as National Highways and at the same time for the improvement of Almora—Pithoragarh motorable road the Border Roads Organisation should be given adequate amount.

[English]

- (iii) **Need to direct Durgapur Steel Plant authorities to take over D.A.V. High School, Boloni, Orissa**

SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA (Keonjhar): I want to draw the attention of the Minister of Steel and Mines to the inordinate delay in taking over DAV School, Boloni in Orissa by Durgapur steel plant. The school was established in 1962, 1800 students are studying in that school at present. The school is now managed by private individuals who find it greatly difficult to bear the entire expenses.

The Steel Authority of India should take over the private school set up in its mining or factory area. The students of this school are the children of the employees of Boloni Ores Limited, which is under the management of Durgapur Steel Plant. The school cannot function effectively, unless it is taken over by SAIL, as it is facing financial crisis at present.

The management of SAIL has not taken any step to take over the high school so far. As it is the policy of SAIL to set up school for the children of its employees, I request the hon. Minister of Steel and Mines to direct Durgapur Steel Plant authorities to take over this school without any further delay.

[Translation]

- (iv) **Need to convert Chhapra—Salempur road in Bihar into 'National Highway'**

SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH (Maharajanji): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the

Chhapra—Salempur road which originates from Chhapra, the district headquarter of Saran in Bihar, meets the road coming from Gorakhpur at Mohammadpur crossing. This road goes to Eastern and North—eastern States via East Champaran and Muzaffarpur which are the border districts. It is also worth mentioning that one branch from this road goes upto Raxaul, an Indian town situated on Indo—Nepal Border.

Chhapra—Salempur road is a very strategic road having national importance.

Therefore, I would request the Government to convert Chhapra—Salempur road into a national highway and it should be widened accordingly.

[English]

- (v) **Need to take necessary steps for sale of garlic at a reasonable price**

SHRI GOVINDBHAI KANJIBHAI SHEKHADA (Junagadh): In Saurashtra region, particularly Junagadh and Jamnagar districts of Gujarat State, garlic—growing farmers have been affected very adversely, due to low market price of their produce.

Last year, due to very low price, many farmers destroyed and buried their produce in pits. This year, just to save them from such conditions, it is urged to take prompt action.

I suggest that there should be an arrangement for purchase of garlic through agencies like "NAFED" at reasonable prices which, in turn, can export garlic to countries like Germany, U.K. USA and Arabian countries. By exporting the garlic, Government can earn foreign exchange too. If Government does not take immediate action, I fear the private sector will purchase the garlic production at a very low price; and farmers may not realise a reasonable price for their production, even to meet their cost of production changes.