

1989-90. The position is almost similar in respect of new Telegraph Offices in the State.

The State of Rajasthan is very famous for its Tourism potential and now there has been considerable growth in both domestic as well as foreign tourist traffic in that State. Modern telecommunication facilities play a vital role in the promotion of tourism which is one of the biggest foreign exchange earning Industries. There is therefore a greater need for expansion of telecommunication network in Rajasthan.

As such, I urge the Minister of Communications to expand the telecommunication network in Rajasthan without any further delay.

[*Translation*]

(vii) Need to set up a paper mill at Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh

SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE (Balaghat): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Balaghat is the most backward area of Madhya Pradesh having a population of about 12 lakh. There are negligible sources of employment for their livelihood. Bamboo and other allied material are available in abundance there. Opportunities of employment and economic development can be provided to the people of the area if a paper mill under public sector is established there. Thus the Government should consider setting up a paper mill at Balaghat as soon as possible.

[*English*]

(viii) Need for financial assistance to Orissa Government for expeditions completion of widening of Panikoeli to Ranchi and Panikodi to Rourkela (via Keonjhar Garh) Roads

SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA (Keonjhar): The Government of Orissa had sent a proposal to the Central Government for widening the existing road from Panikoeli

in Orissa to Ranchi in Bihar and to declare it a national highway. Panikoeli is a tribal belt and a mining area. Road from Panikoeli to Rourkela via Keonjhar Garh also requires to be widened and declared as a national highway. The economic condition of the tribals in Keonjhar Garh which falls in my constituency is pitiable even though it is a mining area. Panchyat Samiti road in my constituency also requires to be completed. Because of lack of proper communication, the entire belt remains under-developed. Presently these areas are not linked by any railway line. For the economic development of this belt of tribals, proper road communication is of utmost importance.

I would, therefore, urge the Government to give adequate financial assistance to the State Government of Orissa to accelerate the progress of widening of the existing road from Panikoeli to Ranchi and also from Panikoeli to Rourkela via Keonjhar Garh. Special attention may also be given to the completion of Panchayat Samiti road in my constituency.

(ix) Need to look into the functioning of the E.S.I. Scheme so that the medical needs of poor employed and their families covered there under are proper

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (Calicut): I bring to the attention of this House the problem faced by workers covered under E.S.I. Scheme. The E.S.I. Scheme is not working effectively. Even though E.S.I. is a Central Scheme, the administration thereof comes under State Government. All State Governments give secondary importance to E.S.I. hospitals/dispensaries. No E.S.I. hospital has got specialist doctors. Even common medicines are not available in some E.S.I. hospitals/dispensaries. No special care or attention is given in medical college hospitals and other district hospitals to the patients covered by E.S.I. E.S.I. dispensaries are now a days used by workers only for getting medical leave.

The scheme was started for a noble