

(vii) Need to Revamp the Agricultural Research Wing of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation Sindri

[*English*]

SHRI A.K. ROY (Dhanbad): Sir, the recent transfer of eight senior scientists from the Agricultural Research Wing of HFC (Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation) at Sindri district, Dhanbad (Bihar) has created great resentment and apprehension that like the Design Section of the Project and Development India Limited (PDIL), the Government is working for dismantling this prestigious establishment at Sindri. This particular research wing is not only the pride of Sindri, with a fertiliser factory around and a research establishment like PDIL, but of India, with more than 100 acres of demonstration farms marked for various investigatory work and a number of scientists and field workers, having both theoretical and practical expertise on the application of fertiliser to promote agriculture.

It is true that for some time there is a gradual decline in its activity and the land left unused, but that is due to the mismanagement, with no fault of the workers and scientists at Sindri.

The Government must come forward with its plan for the Agricultural Research Wing at Sindri, cancel transfer orders without the substitution or replacement of those scientists by others to carry on the research work, revamp this wing for effective utilisation of the land to promote demonstration to the cultivation around. If HFC is unable or unwilling to run this prestigious wing, it should be merged with the Research Wing of PDIL, situated at Sindri itself, but in no case this wing should be dismantled, shifted or weakened at Sindri.

(viii) Need to take steps to meet the situation arising out of Blockade of Crude Oil supply from Assam

[*Translation*]

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH

(Ballia): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the "rail roko" agitation launched by All Assam Students Union in Assam has created a serious situation. As a result of this agitation, the oil refineries of Bongaigaon and Barauni have closed. On account of the closure of Barauni oil refinery, the Barauni Fertilizer Factory and more than a dozen small scale industries functioning by using the by-products have come to a standstill.

Such a situation has developed owing to the Hon. Prime Minister's statement that the surplus oil will not be sent outside Assam. On account of this, the situation has become more complicated and the possibilities of the expansion of Barauni industry have come to an end. The possibility of industrial development in a backward state like Bihar is now remote. If such a line of action is adopted to stop the flow of surplus raw material of one State to other States, the consequences of this blockade will be very damaging for the country.

In such a situation we request the Government to take effective steps in this regard so as to ensure the continuous supply of crude oil from Barauni refinery.

(ix) Need to set up National Yachting Training Academy near Ramgarh Jheel in Jaipur

SHRI GIRDHAR LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards this important matter under Rule 377.

During the 1982 Asiad the yachting competition was conducted in Ramgarh lake situated in Jaipur. At that time, the State Government spent around Rs. 2 crores for developing this area, and for widening and setting right the path between Jaipur and the lake. Khel Gaon was established there and Boat Shed was made. The competitors coming from various Asian countries were full of admiration for this spot and its arrangements. Khel Gaon is still used as a guest house for the tourists and the boat shed has been maintained very well.