

outside the gate due to which the people are put to a lot of inconvenience. In case a flight is delayed, the people have to keep their taxis waiting outside for hours. Many people of my area make business trips to foreign countries. They often take their family along which adds to their troubles. Hence, through you, I would request you to provide for a separate entrance for the civil airport so that they are not harassed.

[English]

(iv) Need to stop the proposed shifting of Foreign Department of State Bank of India from Calcutta to Bombay

SHRI AJOY BISWAS (Tripura West) : Since inception, the work of Dealing and Cover Operation was conducted centrally from Foreign Department of State Bank of India Overseas Branch, Calcutta with efficiency and diligence. The Foreign Department of the State Bank of India, Calcutta is equipped with the most modern telecommunication facilities including INDONET Link. Recently, a micro-processor computer has also been installed in the said Foreign Department of the Bank to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. Strangely, the management of State Bank of India have been trying to shift this department to Bombay for some reason or other alongside its efforts of modernisation of Calcutta Office after spending huge funds. The only plea given by the management, for such move of shifting this department to Bombay is telecommunication difficulties in Calcutta. Instead of augmenting tele-system of Calcutta, further, the authorities are trying to resort to the short-cut of shifting the office to Bombay. This is another example of efforts to undermine the importance of Calcutta as a city. In the past the city was deprived of foreign airlines, a proper telephone system, investment in engineering industries, denuding the city from its age-old tailoring industry, to record a few. If the plan of the management is materialised, then the existence of the city of Calcutta as a prime one will be at stake.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to make a statement in the House clarifying the Government's position and also ensure that such move by the management does not materialise.

(v) Demand for taking necessary measures to curb the activities of insurgents in North-Eastern States

SHRI S.M. GURADDI (Bijapur) : Sir, the evidence of Chinese arms assistance and training to insurgents operating in North-Eastern States has been causing serious concern to the Government.

There has been spurt in violent activity in these States after a period of comparative calm. Some of the arms captured from the rebels have Chinese markings. The insurgents are reportedly using Burmese territory for re-grouping and for transit to China for obtaining weapons and material help.

This is a very serious matter and some foreign countries are helping the insurgents to create disorder. Strong action is needed on the part of the Union Government to deal firmly with them, otherwise it will create disorder in the same way as in Punjab.

I appeal to the hon. Minister to take necessary measures in this regard urgently.

[Translation]

(vi) Need to provide more funds to meet the situation caused by drought in Gujarat, particularly Chhota Udaipur

SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA (Chhota Udaipur) : Sir, I want to submit that on account of inadequate rainfall, Gujarat is in the grip of drought and the situation is acute in the Adivasi areas.

My Lok Sabha constituency of Chhota Udaipur is also facing severe drought conditions. Hence, daily-bread, drinking water and animal fodder are in short supply. I would, therefore, request that the Central Government should allocate more funds for my constituency and relief work should be undertaken at the earliest. The Tehsils which fall under my Constituency are as follows :

Chhota Udaipur

Naewadi

Kavar