

- v) **Need to provide employment to at least one person in each family displaced by acquisition of land by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Project**

**SHRI S.M. BHATTAM** (Visakhapatnam) : Sir, the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Project authorities required 25,780 acres of land for various purposes connected with the Steel Plant. As against this, about 20,000 acres have already been acquired and transferred to them because of which the displaced families relating to 1st and 2nd phases came to 12,000.

In spite of the fact that the policy of the Government is to provide employment to at least one member of each displaced family, only 1,276 persons out of 12,000 families have so far been employed even though several years back they lost their houses and lands. The Steel Plant authorities have expressed their inability to provide employment to not more than 5,000 persons which leaves a large balance of 7,000 persons who will be left in the lurch in spite of the solemn assurance of the Government of India. There does not seem to be any immediate prospect of absorbing any significant section of the displaced persons. During the course of discussions, the Steel Plant authorities expressed their inability to state when at least these 5,000 persons will be absorbed in the Steel Plant.

Under these circumstances, the displaced persons are greatly agitated. I would urge that the problem is tackled and satisfactorily solved before the situation takes an unfortunate and avoidable serious turn.

- (vi) **Need for setting up an Electronic Telephone Industry at Bhubaneswar**

**SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK** (Cuttack) : The electronic industry is conspicuously absent in the eastern region and particularly in Orissa. Government of India had taken a decision to remove regional imbalances in respect of setting up of electronic industry in the country. Therefore, the location of the Electronic Telephone Factory at Bhubaneswar will go a long way in removing the regional imbalances.

Bhubaneswar is ideally suited for the location of this telephone industry. It has not only got all infrastructural advantages, but its clear climate is immensely suitable for setting up any type of electronic industry. As the State is backward in electronic industry, the setting up of this industry at Bhubaneswar will help in the establishment of a large number of ancillary and downstream electronic industrial units around it and help the growth of industrialisation in the nucleus industrial complex in the Chandaka area.

The Government of Orissa has been pressing for the setting up of a unit of electronic telephone industry in the State for a long time. Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India to take an early decision and expedite the setting up of an electronic telephone industry at Bhubaneswar forthwith

- (vii) **Need to put up a Low power Television Transmitter at Nagercoil**

**SHRI N. DENNIS** (Nagercoil) : Kanyakumari District and adjoining regions should be covered by telecast. Television sets in large numbers are functioning in Kanyakumari District. The telecast from either Trivandrum or Kodaikanal is not likely to cover effectively Kanyakumari District due to the peculiar terrain and shielding by the hills. So, the viewers of this area have no alternative but to view Sri Lanka telecast. But the adverse effect and damage to our nation through the Sri Lanka telecast recently has forced the viewers to stop viewing the Sri Lanka telecast. The Government have proposed a high power transmitter for Trivandrum and thus the present low power transmitter at Trivandrum is likely to be a surplus. So, it is appropriate to instal the low power transmitter at Nagercoil considering the prevailing difficult experience and circumstances faced by the viewers. Installation of the above referred transmitter at Nagercoil, the southernmost part of our country, would promote national integration too and such installation would benefit the large number of national and international tourists flowing into Kanyakumari.

So, Government may be pleased to take immediate steps for the installation of a low power transmitter at Nagercoil.