

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Already it has been referred to. I have already told.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Mr. Reddy please take your seat. Nothing is going on record.

*(Interruptions)\**

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOO-WALIA (Sangrur) : 5 lakh employees of public enterprises are not being covered by the Fourth Pay Commission. There is widespread resentment. This is discrimination between employees and employees. Kindly direct the Government that those 5 lakh employees should also be covered by the Fourth pay Commission.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Shri Ganga Ram.

12.14 hrs.

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*(Translation)*

- (i) Demand for a Sugar Mill in Shikohabad tehsil in Mainpuri district, U. P.

SHRI GANGA RAM (Firozabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, District Mainpuri has already been declared as a dacoit infested and backward area. Shikohabad tehsil of this district, especially the area situated on the bank of Yamuna river, is very backward economically. Its development has been obstructed for quite some time now due to lack of means of communications. Although approval has been issued for the construction of some metallised roads under the Dacoit Infested Area Development Scheme, yet this areas is not marching forward like other developing areas due to lack of proper industrialisa-

tion. There is abundance of cultivable land in this tchsil but the farmers are not getting remunerative returns from traditional crops. If the Central Government could order an intensive survey of this area, it would come to the conclusion that going by the type of soil of the area, there can be intensive cultivation of sugarcane on the basis of which a sugar mill can easily be set up there. If a sugar mill is set up in Shikohabad, the farmers of the adjoining areas will be benefited. Therefore, the Central Government should take prompt action in this direction in consultation with the State Government so that the economic condition of the farmers could be improved with the cultivation of cash crop like sugarcane and the people of the area could be offered employment opportunities.

*(English)*

- (ii) Need to direct Modern Food Industries to set up food processing industries in Mithila region of North Bihar.

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Mithila region of North Bihar is one of the most backward areas of the country. There is appalling poverty and massive unemployment there. But there is a great potentiality of setting up food processing industries there. Modern Food Industry, a Government of India Corporation, has set up fruit processing industry at Bhagalpur in South Bihar. On the same pattern, Modern Food Industry can set up a fruit processing industry in Mithila region. Delicious mangoes are available there at a throw away price. Besides, 'lichis' and other cheap fruits and vegetables are also available. On top of that, labour is very cheap there.

Similarly, corn-flakes, wheat-flakes and dairy products can also be manufactured as milk is available in abundance.

As such, it is requested that the Central Government should ask Modern Food Industries to set up food processing industries in Mithila region of North Bihar.