

[Sh. Harpal Singh Panwar]

rural people should also be given one kilogram of sugar per unit per month, equal to the sugar available to the persons living in cities. Cane growers should be given sugar at least equivalent to one percent of the recovery of sugar from the sugarcane supplied by them to the sugarmills, so that sugarcane growers may meet their requirement and be encouraged to produce maximum quantity of sugarcane.

(v) Need for constructing an aerodrome in Madhepura district of Bihar

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR RAVI YADAV (Madhepura): According to an announcement of the Central Government, there must be an aerodrome in every district headquarters. Madhepura of Bihar was given the status of a district 9 years back, but no aerodrome has been constructed there so far. According to information, district authorities have even selected the site, but no action has been taken in this regard.

I request the Central Government to construct an aerodrome district headquarters of Madhepura in Bihar State on priority basis.

[English]

(vi) Need for taking steps to overcome drinking water problem in Bolangir District of Orissa

SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA (Bolangir): Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Bolangir district in Orissa is suffering from chronic drought since 1965. Due to large scale deforestation, the average rainfall has come down from 120-100 inches to 60-40 inches per annum since 1950 to 1990. As a result of it, the ground water table is going down every year. There are open wells-dug wells-with a depth of 30 feet on an average and shallow tube-wells up to a maximum depth of 200 feet. The dug-wells have eventually become inopera-

tive even in December and most of the dug-wells are not being used. But these dug-wells are taken into account when the question of sinking a new tube-well comes. So, I request the Government to write off these dug-wells from their books of account. This matter has been raised several times, but the patent reply had been that this is a question of Central Policy and a decision has to be taken by the Central Government. But to the drinking ground water table, the shallow tube wells are also failing fast. In summer, people have to walk for kilometres to fetch drinking water. I request the Central Government to take necessary action in the matter.

[Translation]

(vii) Need to ensure that report of sub committee on electropathy is presented to the Government within the Scheduled period i.e. by 30 April, 1990.

SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH (Satna): Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to draw the attention of the House towards the following matter of public importance.

Electropathy is a new fifth system of treatment, which is more effective, beneficial, cheaper and does not have any side affect. Medicines under this system are prepared from herbs with the help of distilled water. As such these medicines have all the qualities of plants and trees.

The Ministry of Health had appointed a sub-committee on 1st April, 1988 on the subject and asked it to submit a report. Though two years have passed, yet this committee has not submitted its report and its time is being extended after every 4-5 months. The future of thousands of students and medical practitioners of electropathy is in dark news. In view of the interest of general public and future of thousands of practitioners and students, I request the hon. Minister to direct the committee to submit its report before 30th April, 1990.