

India and abroad. A Tagore Academy with Post Graduate standard education on Indian Culture, Philosophy, music and science should be established in New Delhi or a regional centre on Tagore must be set up in south, north, west and east of India to introduce Tagore to all sections of the people.

Tagore's role on "National Integration, World Peace and Humanity" based on collection of his selected works must be a regular subject in every syllabus of higher education.

All India Radio's publication "Betar Jagat" in this regard should further be re-introduced with a Tagore special edition. Ministries of Human Resources and Information & Broadcasting should jointly draw up a programme immediately.

Tagore's art and music should find a place in Doordarshan in a befitting manner during the celebrations.

- (iii) Maintenance, protection and renovation of Konark, Bhubaneswar, Puri and other temples of India's cultural heritage in Orissa.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): Konark Temple, Bhubaneswar temple, Puri Temple are being protected and maintained by Archaeological Department of Government of India. They have a historical significance and are symbols of Orissa's enriched cultural heritage. Unfortunately, in spite of all efforts by the Archaeological Department, Konark Temple and its monuments and sculptures are deteriorating day by day. The developmental projects around the temple are not being taken up extensively. The Government of India should depute some top experts to suggest measures for protection of the temple, monuments and sculptures so that further deterioration is prevented.

Jagannath Temple's renovation work is going on. In some parts of the temple the plasters are being removed and the original architectural structure is being brought to open. Government should expedite the process of renovation.

In Puri temple, the garden of Lord Jagannath is not being properly maintained. Government should depute and activate its supervising agency to visit the temple and

check up both renovation work and the garden and take appropriate steps to improve the garden and to expedite the process of renovation.

At Bhubaneswar a number of temples are under the Archaeological Department of India. It needs adequate attention of the Archaeological Department.

There is one temple near Satpara in village Manikapatna in Krishna Prasad Block, Puri Distt. symbolising the legendary story that Lord Jagannath while going to Kanchi had taken curd in exchange for his rings. This temple is very much known for its archaeological significance. I request the Government of India to take over the temple for its maintenance and protection through its Archaeological Department.

- (iv) Need for an Eastern India Development Council to ensure the balanced development of eastern India, particularly West Bengal during Seventh Five Year Plan.

SHRI ASUTOSH LAW (Dum Dum): Sir, the development of towns and cities in West Bengal is not quite satisfactory and unfortunately fruits of development are not reaching to the common man although a huge sum of money is spent every year by the State Government of West Bengal, major portion of which flows from Central Government. The planned urban development in West Bengal has become a total failure due to lack of coordination of three developing agencies, namely, Town & Country Planning Department, Local Government, and Urban Development Department and Metropolitan Development Department, that is, CMDA.

The task of comprehensive development of towns and cities should be assigned to Eastern India Development Council constituted with West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Tripura and Assam. This High-power body has to be set up to reduce regional disparities of development in Eastern India and to ensure balanced growth of towns and cities. There is an urgent need of such development council to examine the development scheme of the State Governments and to approve the same, in order to expedite the development programme in the Seventh Plan period to ensure the balanced development of the Eastern India.