

able hardships to make a living.

I have been repeatedly demanding in this House that a separate provision be made in the Union Budget for the Development of eastern Uttar Pradesh. I had asked for large-scale industrial units to be set-up in that area so that it could develop. But no efforts have been made in this direction so far.

I want the Planning Commission to allocate separate funds for the development of eastern Uttar Pradesh. The Central Government should immediately set-up a thermal power station, micro-wave tower, iron and steel plant, a Central poultry farm, a Krishi Vigyan Kendra, telephone industries and industrial units based on breweries.

(iii) Need to improve tele-communication and postal facilities in rural areas

[*English*]

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur): The failure of the Department of Telecommunications to instal timely the Public Call Offices, Combined Offices (Telegraph Offices on Morse Code) and Small Automatic Exchanges in the rural areas has resulted in a grave set-back to the provision of Telecom. services in the rural areas. The position is so depressing that even the Public Call Offices, both local and long distance sanctioned in the Sixth Plan and in the first two years of the Seventh Plan have not been installed so far, for want of stores, equipment and shortage of staff caused by the ban on recruitment, which is proving counter-productive, on account of the loss of revenue.

Hence, I request the Minister of Communications to ensure that all Rural Telephone Exchanges, Public Call Offices and Telegraph Offices are installed within one

year of their sanction and final payments. It is essential that all such projects which are pending for installation are taken up on top priority by training up a grass programme for the rural areas. It is the rural areas which require this facility the most.

Similarly, on the Postal side, the opening of new Post Offices and upgradation of those for which the State Governments are providing NRC should be ensured promptly. The cost Recovery Principle (FR 127) should not be applicable in the calculation of NRC for upgradation, as Sub-Post Offices constitute an essential social service. All Departmental Sub-Post Officers and ED-BOs within the local area of a Telephone Exchange should be provided COs on Morse Code and PCOs. The norms for sanctioning PCOs and COs and creating Telecom and Postal Divisions/Sub Divisions and upgrading EDBs to DSOs and DSOs to Head Post Offices/Departmental Telegraph Offices should be relaxed in special category States by giving a weightage of 33 per cent in the calculation of work load.

[*Translation*]

(iv) Need to allocate funds for schemes for providing drinking water in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the last two years have seen very little rainfall in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh. This has led to the drying up of all sources of water. This year there is a likelihood of an acute drinking water shortage in those areas. Efforts made till now to tackle this problem cannot be called to be adequate. It seems as if the Central or State Government did not foresee the enormity of the drinking-water problem. Efforts should have been initiated much earlier to combat this dreadful situation.

[Sh. Harish Rawat]

I urge the Central Government to make concerted efforts in solving the drinking-water problem in these areas. The State Government should allocate more funds for this purpose.

[English]

- (v) **Need to construct a marine drive between Konark and Gopalpur in Orissa to promote tourism**

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): Puri is a place of Hindu pilgrimage. The sea beach by the side of town of Puri is the most beautiful and attractive. Lord Jagannath's Temple apart from its religious significance is known for its architectural excellence. In Konark, the Sun Temple is more attractive for the foreign tourists. Chilika Lake with its natural beauty can be gainfully developed as a centre of international tourism. From Ramachandi, near about Konark upto Gopalpur, a marine drive needs to be built up to promote tourism in Orissa and in the country. The marine drive road has already been built from Konark but has been left incomplete. It needs to be extended in phases through Puri town to Harachandi and ultimately to Gopalpur. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to inter-act with the State Government so as to sponsor it as central sector project. This is the most important project for development of tourism in the State. In Chilika Lake, Nalabana can be developed as a birds sanctuary which will add to the attraction of the foreign tourists.

- (vi) **Need to give financial assistance for the development of Visakhapatnam**

SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY (Visakhapatnam): Even though Visakhapatnam is strategically situated from the point of view of National Defence and Econ-

omy, it receives no support from Union Government for development of essential infrastructural facilities and orderly growth. Visakhapatnam through its industries is contributing about Rs. 350 crores annually to the National Exchequer by way of Central Excise, Customs duty, Income Tax, etc. There is a very strong case for the central support to this city.

The Central Government has played a major role in industrial towns like Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur because of major public sector activity. The Centre has gone to the support of Calcutta and has offered huge sum to Bombay. New Delhi receives massive support as the National Capital even as Chandigarh and Bhopal have received significant central assistance.

Visakhapatnam is recognised to be a fast growing cities in Asia. Keeping in view its growth as a major industrial and trading centre of national importance, besides being the headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command, provision, as required for infrastructural facilities for the industry and the people, cannot be left to local bodies. I feel, it is obligatory on the part of Centre to augment resources of its local bodies so as to tackle the massive problems of the city viz road transportation, water supply, sewerage, pollution.

I urge on Union Government to set apart at least one per cent of capital investment of its various public sector undertakings located in Visakhapatnam for the development of Visakhapatnam. One per cent of the Central revenues generated in Visakhapatnam should be earmarked for overall and orderly structural growth of the town.

[Translation]

- (vii) **Demand for Introducing Vayudoot Service between Faizabad and Delhi**

SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI (Faizabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I want to draw