

[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