

contract. But it had not been terminated by the Central Government and there is no progress whatsoever.

The Fishing Harbour at Sassoon Dock is very essential not only to the fishermen community in and nearabout Bombay but also to the overall development of fisheries. The fishermen are inconvenienced as the fishing harbour at Sassoon Dock has not been completed.

It is, therefore, requested that the Central Government should ensure that the work of Sassoon Dock Fishing Harbour is resumed immediately.

[Translation]

(ii) Demand for starting a new train from Ratlam or Kota to Delhi

SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL (Kota) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there has been no improvement for many years past in the facilities provided by the Railways in Kota which is an industrial town in Rajasthan. Thousands of passengers of Kota, intending to go to Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and the South have to face innumerable difficulties. For the convenience of passengers, a new train should be introduced either between Delhi—Kota or between Delhi—Ratlam and the quota of reservation in the Frontier Mail going to Bombay should be increased at Kota station. The quota of 50 seats at Ratlam for Bombay should be withdrawn and transferred to Kota, as Ratlam does not require this quota any more. Similarly, a fast train should be introduced between Kota and Bina and a coach in this train should be reserved for passengers going to South which should be connected with train going to South, at Bina. A coach of Awadh Express running between Kota and Lucknow should be reserved for Calcutta and connected to a train going to Calcutta, either at Lucknow or at Kanpur.

(iii) Demand for setting up Nitrogen Fertiliser Plant in Tanda Tehsil of Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh

SHRI R.P. SUMAN (Akbarpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to give notice

of the following matter under Rule 377: It is practically impossible to remove the backwardness of eastern Uttar Pradesh without industrializations. Besides, expansion of small scale industries, there in need to set up large scale units in most backward areas so that there can be all round development of the backward areas and educated unemployed persons are provided employment and thereby the public resentment regarding unemployment is checked.

Thousands of acres of barren and uncultivable land is lying waste in Neori Chauraha and Tenduai Kala in Tanda Tehsil of Faizabad district in eastern Uttar Pradesh. On the basis of a letter from the Director of Industries of Uttar Pradesh the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Faizabad conducted a survey of Neori Chauraha and recommended to set up a Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant there and thus certifying its viability. A thermal power project of 440 MW capacity is under construction in Tanda. Similarly, there is adequate land and power supply to set up a large scale industry in the area.

I, therefore, strongly demand to take decision on setting up Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant at Neori Chauraha and large scale industry at Tenduai Kala in Tanda Tehsil of Faizabad district and ensure its completion in order to utilise barren land, provide more opportunities of employment to educated unemployed persons and thereby remove backwardness and growing resentment in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

(English)

(iv) Need to provide financial assistance by commercial banks to Housing Board

SHRI K. MOHANDAS (Mukundapuram) : Sir, under the existing guidelines the commercial banks do not extend financial assistance to the Housing Boards for purchase of housesites. This has seriously hampered housing activity in urban centres. At a time when the Government is proposing to give an impetus to housing construction in the country, there is an urgent need for

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reviewing these guidelines. Acquisition of land its development is essential aspect of housing construction and it is very essential to have an agency which would be able to meet the credit requirement on this score. The HUDCO and the nationalised banks should be asked to provide adequate financial assistance to the Housing Boards for acquisition and development of land. I request the Government to take necessary steps in this regard.

[Translation]

(v) Need to raise credit limit fixed by HUDCO

*SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat) : Sir, the Government of Kerala has undertaken ambitious programme of constructing one lakh houses for the homeless, particularly those who belong to the weaker sections. It is estimated that there are ten lakh people who are living in small, dilapidated huts. This programme will go a long way in tackling the problem of housing being faced by the weaker sections.

Under the present scheme, the cost of a house is Rs. 6,000/- of which Rs. 1500/- are given by the Centre as grant and the rest as loan. The first instalment for the construction of 76,000 houses has been given. But money is not available for the remaining 24,000 houses. Kerala needs an amount of Rs. 45 crores to meet the requirement. HUDCO is giving loan but that is not enough. The nationalised banks at present do not advance any loan to the Housing Board for this purpose. This has greatly hampered the construction activity. It is therefore, necessary to raise the credit limit fixed by HUDCO and permit the banks to advance loans.

Therefore, I request the Government to take appropriate steps in this regard.

*The speech was originally delivered in Malayalam.

(vi) Need for linking Southern Rivers with Northern Rivers and Western Rivers with Eastern Rivers

*DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar) : Sir, the problem of unemployment is very acute in the rural areas throughout the country. The poor people in the village areas throughout the country do not have any work to do. Their children are not getting food. Social and economic development in these areas is in jeopardy. The human resources are not being utilised in our country. Industrial centres have increased, but unfortunately there is not adequate power supply. Transportation system is also not efficient. Especially the remote villages cannot transport their goods to the towns and cities. Our country has abundant natural resources but unfortunately the resources are not being utilised fully. Almost every year there would be severe drought or floods in some part or the other. In addition to these problems, there is the danger of population explosion. The world will have to face the problem of food in the near future if the steep increase in population is not checked immediately.

There is only one major solution to all the serious problems mentioned above. The southern rivers have to be linked with the northern rivers. The western rivers have to be linked with the eastern rivers. Therefore, I request the Central Government to come out with a major plan for linking these rivers of our country.

[English]

(vii) Need to explore feasibility of establishing a Nuclear power project in Orissa to help overcome power shortage in the eastern region of the State

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska) : Acute shortage of power in Orissa has not only shaken the economy of the State including Industry but also affected every walk of life. The theoretical generation capability in the State is 574 MWs where

*The Speech was originally delivered in Kannada.