

[English]

- (vi) **Need to improve functioning of telephone system in Etah Parliamentary Constituency. Uttar Pradesh.**

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN (Etah): The telephone subscribers in Etah parliamentary constituency in U.P. are facing a lot of difficulties and inconvenience due to the unsatisfactory functioning of the telephone system. The Aliganj telephone exchange has been functioning unsatisfactorily due to frequent technical flaws because of poor maintenance. Most of the telephone exchanges and rural PCOs are either defective or remain out of order because of technical faults. Instead of giving useful service to the subscribers, both of business and working classes, the telephones have become a liability. Persistent complaints about the malfunctioning of the telephone system have not moved the authorities concerned, and the subscribers continue to suffer.

Therefore, with a view to providing better telephone service to the subscribers, I urge the Government to consider the feasibility of providing at the earliest in public interest:

- (1) A direct telephone link between Etah-Aliganj-Patiali-Ganjdwara-Soron-Saket-Sahawar-Dhumri towns;
- (2) Microwave STD line between Aliganj and Delhi;
- (3) Manual type exchange at Aliganj, and
- (4) C.O./P.C.O. facilities for Bargain town area and Nadralla village.

[Translation]

- (vii) **Need to conduct tests for admission I.I.T. and Engineering Colleges in Hindi and other regional languages.**

SHRI UMAKANT MISHRA (Mirzapur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hindi has been adopted as an official language and 14 other languages have been notified as national languages in our Constitution. The Constitution envisages Hindi to replace English and the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to be developed and used as official languages gradually. It is certain that proper development of the intellect in our country on a large scale is not possible unless we adopt Indian languages as a medium of instruction. Literature, Science, Technology etc — all subjects should be taught through the medium of Indian languages at all levels. Under the 3-language formula, English should be taught as a language. Respect to language is linked with the respect to the country. But it is quite disappointing to note that some people who have craze for English are insulting the Indian languages *vis-a-vis* English. This is a serious thing.

Combined examinations are held for admission to Engineering College of Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya and to all the five I.I.Ts and the medium of this examination is English. Due to this reason, 90 per cent of the students, who have been educated through the medium of Indian languages up to High School and Inter, are unable to sit in this Combined examination. This is great injustice and owing to this injustice, a good number of intelligent students are deprived of education of science and technology.

I urge the Ministry of Human Resources Development to introduce Hindi and other Indian languages as the medium of the combined entrance examination for all the five IITs and Engineering college of Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya.