

12.10. hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

*in the Chair*]

[English]

(ii) **Development of Visakhapatnam as a tourist resort.**

SHRI S.M. BHATTAM (Visakhapatnam) : Visakhapatnam is a lovely valley city gifted with picturesque green hills, a beautiful sea-coast with sand beaches, back waters and natural harbour. It is endowed with most ancient, sculptured and historic temples like Simhachalam, Srikurmam and Annavaram which are nearby. The beach road between Visakhapatnam and Bheemunipatnam is one of the most picturesque roads in the world—one side surrounded by hills and another side with sea and sands and it is a gift of God. Natural harbour, back-waters and great industrial complexes are another star attraction. One of the biggest zoos in the country is located here in a beautiful valley in green forest touching the sea. Some of the places like Anantgiri, Araku, Sileru, Chintapalli, Machkund situated in virgin forests at altitudes of 4000M in Eastern Ghats are most awesome and spectacular with wild life, green and thick vegetation with several waterfalls and hill streams with huge hydro-electric projects.

Therefore, it would be most desirable to develop Visakhapatnam as a tourist resort of International standards and thereby, much needed foreign exchange could be earned. Further, Visakhapatnam beach may be developed on the lines of Kovalam Beach. Construction of tourist hotels on beach road, Simhachalam, Araku, Chintapalli, Machkund may also be taken up.

[Translation]

(iii) **Demand for local trains between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai.**

SHRI ZAINUL BASHER (Ghazi-pur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, a large number of passengers come to Mughal

Sarai and *vice versa* to entrain the passenger trains. They travel between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai by buses, taxis and auto rikshaws. The traffic between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai is jammed frequently by trucks. Due to this, a large number of people miss the trains daily.

The number of trains running between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai is inadequate and the long distance trains often arrive late. There is restriction on short distance travel on Mail and Superfast trains.

For the convenience of a large number of railway passengers, it is necessary to run local trains between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai. It would facilitate very much the railway commuters if local trains are run at a frequency of one hour. As the number of passengers is very large, the Railways will also not suffer any loss.

I would therefore, request the hon. Railway Minister to make immediate arrangements to run local trains between Varanasi and Mughal Sarai.

(iv) **Need to reconsider the increase in the rates of electricity by DESU.**

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk) : The people are very much agitated over the increase in the electricity rates proposed by the DESU recently. The increased rates of electricity would be applicable to all sections of the people and industrial units.

India is a developing country where agriculture is the main occupation of the people and there are mainly small industrial units and petty traders in the country. The main thrust of our economic policy is to encourage agriculture and the small industrial units. Electricity is the main source of energy for these units. Electricity as a source of energy in the expanding cities is all the more important because the danger of pollution in this case is almost negligible. The sudden high increase in the electricity rates has shattered all our hopes.

[Shri Jai Prakash Agrawal]

The recent hike in the petrol rates has resulted in the steep price increase of all items in the market. The poor man is affected in two ways by this increase in electricity rates. On the one hand the people will have to make payment of electricity bill at enhanced rates and secondly they will also have to face the problem of high prices due to rise in electricity rates.

The increase in electricity rates will adversely affect the small industrial units in particular which will get electricity at 75 paise per unit. This sudden steep increase in electricity rates is contrary to our industrial policy of providing encouragement to small units. The electronic industry will also be affected adversely by this increase. Particularly in the agricultural sector, there would be despondency among agriculturists due to this increase in power rates.

I would, therefore, urge the hon. Energy Minister to give instructions to the DESU to seriously consider the above points before this increase is actually effected.

[English]

(v) Need to provide a Railway level crossing and connecting roads in Jalla area near Patna

SHRI C.P. THAKUR (Patna): Jalla area near Patna almost submerged in water during the rainy season for three months. The only exit from that area is a road which passes under a railway bridge near Bankaghat railway station. The railway is going to reinforce that bridge by making new pillars. That will almost completely obstruct the road and will affect the existence of about 30 thousand people residing in 40 villages. They will be put to extreme hardship. If a railway level crossing is made, it will serve the purpose. The Central Government should direct the Railway to make a level crossing and the State Government should be asked to make connecting roads.

[Translation]

(vi) Provision of special funds to states in the 7th Plan for providing medical facilities in Villages

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT (Chittorgarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377 I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards lack of medical facilities in the rural areas. At present 5464 vacancies of doctors are lying vacant in the rural areas. In many Primary Health Centres, doctors have not been posted. One Primary Health Centre is required to be opened for a population of 30,000 in the plains and for a population of 20,000 in the hilly areas. Consequently, due to lack of medical services people either die or go to quacks. I would therefore, request the Government that in the Seventh Five Year Plan, States should be given special assistance for medical facilities so that a democratic country with 70 crore population does not remain without medical services. The activities of the health clinics being run by quacks should also be investigated thoroughly.

[English]

(vii) Demand for a National Institute for Translation and Interpretation to promote understanding of different languages

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balsore): Our hon. Prime Minister has rightly assessed the need of the hour when he said that what we need now is change in the system of education. Education should lead to qualitative development rather than merely gaining a degree. To usher in the new system besides other changes, we should have a National Institute for Translation and Interpretation to promote understanding of different languages which is the only effective way of promoting emotional integration of our country.

Besides promoting national integration, the Institute can help in scientific field too. Scientific, Medical, Engineering and other technical books and literature are mostly in English language. So