

I would, therefore, urge upon the Union Government particularly the Hon'ble Textile Minister to take necessary steps immediately on the decision as well as the recommendations of Orissa Government to the reopening of the Bhaskar Textile Mills in view of the commercial importance, urgency and human consideration involved in it.

(ii) Need to Improve Irrigation Facilities in Draught Affected Districts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

SHRI K. RAMCHANDRA REDDY (Hindupur) : The districts of Anantapur and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and Kolar, Chitradurga and Tumkur in Karnataka State are chronically drought-affected areas. Irrigation facilities in these five districts are very meagre. Famines have ravaged these areas time and again and the misery and sufferings of the poor is beyond human endurance.

To save the people from the severe onslaught of famine it is very essential that irrigation facilities are improved. These areas are situated on a very high altitude and it is not easy to improve the irrigation potential.

River Nirevathi in western ghats of Karnataka has got about 500 T.M.C. of water which is going into the Arabian Sea wastefully. This water can be diverted to upper Bhadra to irrigate the above five districts. This is a costly venture. The Government of India, the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka can execute the project jointly and the Central Government may be pleased to order an investigation into the feasibility of using the water of River Nirevathi to improve the irrigation in the above districts.

[*Translation*]

(iii) Need to take Stringent steps to Ensure, Safe Delivery of Money sent by Insured covers through Post Offices

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI (Khalilabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, now-a-days, the people settle down wherever they are able to find a source of livelihood, but the members of their families go on living at their earlier residential places. They keep contact with one another through letters, etc.

Today, the biggest problem is being faced in sending money to their family members. Any person who is earning somewhere sends some money to his family members. I am sorry to say that the money sent by money-order not only reaches after a delay, but it involves more expenditure also. Therefore, the poor people sent their money by insured covers, but recently, it has become unsafe because it has become a common practice that the seals are tampered with and money is taken out.

I, therefore, draw the attention of the Minister of communications towards this and demand that he should take stern action to check it so that the faith of the people in the post offices is restored.

(iv) Need to protect the City of Bangalore from Pollution

SHRI S. M. GURADDI (Bijapur)** : Bangalore is a city of gardens besides being a paradise on earth for those wanting to enjoy the union with nature. Once there was a move to hold one session of the Parliament in this city. Here rain soaked breeze blows throughout the summer and the citizens of this city can enjoy warm sun throughout the winter. You are awakened to the piping notes of whistling thrush and open your window to a casement of dew-washed trees in flowers. African tulips, Bengonias, all in full glory amid weird-happed arucaris. All day long koels and barbots call from dense green foliage and the evenings are fragrant with jasmine and maussam.

But the beauty of Bangalore is being eroded. Steadily growing population, unplanned constructions and the accumulation of industries are spoiling the beauty of the city. Areas like Krishnarajapuram, Yeshwantapuram are smoky and the city is losing its identity. Some other features which are spoiling the beauty of the city area :

(1) There are a dozen B. Ed colleges. These are not spread over the city.

(2) Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park and Maharani's college cannot co-exist on the ugly out skirts of Central Jail. Central Jail could have been outside the heart of the city.

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