

[Shri Birbal]

Commission, but the Commission has kept the clearance pending for the last so many years. It is requested that clearance should be granted to these projects immediately, so that the farmers of the area could take advantage of these canals, and, besides removing their own poverty and backwardness, could help in increasing agricultural production in the country. On completion of these two canals, not only will 150 villages of District Ganganagar—which are in the grip of famine—benefit, but also people of Churu which is adjacent District would get employment.

I am sure you will issue orders to start work on these two canals immediately for which I have been continuously doing correspondence for the last 6 years in order to remove poverty and backwardness and provide relief to the famine stricken people of the area.

[English]

- (ii) Need to give publicity to cases of fraud in banks and to reveal the names of culprits and the nature of punishment given to them

SHRI D.N. REDDY (Cuddapah) : The Government has, as of late, been detecting the increasing number of irregularities involving crores of rupees in the nationalised banks often with the collusion of highly placed bank officers. The full particulars, the extent of amount involved, names of the different officials involved, and the result of detailed investigation and the action taken, are not often revealed in full; nor the public informed about the steps taken to prevent such frauds on banks. The Government should hereafter give publicity to such cases after investigation and declare the list of offenders and also punish the culprits in each case and make recoveries.

[Translation]

- (iii) Need to provide financial assistance to the farmers affected by hailstorm in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV (Morena) : Mr. Speaker Sir, 22 villages

of tehsil Ambah, 7 villages of Ketras and 3 villages of Sheopur tehsil in Morena District of Madhya Pradesh have been severely affected by hailstorm on 13.2.1986. The standing crops of wheat, mustard, gram barley etc. have been damaged. Keeping in view the difficulties of the farmers and workers, the Central Government should provide additional financial assistance and means of livelihood to them.

[English]

- (iv) Need to set up a research centre at Kasaragod in Kerala for conducting research on goat rearing

SHRI I. RAMA RAI (Kasaragod) : Goat rearing can provide nutritious food for the poor masses with little cost and at the same time raise their economy. Different varieties of goats are found in our country. Research work is being done with regard to goat rearing. In Kerala's coast lines at a place called Tellicherry there is a special breed of goats called Tellicherry breed. Unique quality of this breed is that it provides plenty of milk with high nutritious value. If this breed can be developed further by setting up a research centre at some of the most backward areas like Kasaragod in Kerala, unused hilly areas can be made use of for goat rearing thereby creating employment potential among the villagers, in the far off villages.

[Translation]

- (v) Need for early completion of the ongoing lift-canal irrigation projects in the hilly regions of the country

SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM (Mandla) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it has been observed that there has been no progress in the hilly areas in respect of agriculture due to lack of irrigation facilities. Lift irrigation method is best suited for irrigation in such areas and, therefore, these schemes should be launched on priority basis. Beside, there is need to ensure timely completion of these schemes. The Narmada Lift Irrigation Project has been approved long back in 1978 but it is still pending. Due to this the estimated cost