

work site of the proposed Vizag Steel Plant in Andhra Pradesh are facing innumerable difficulties. Most of them are taken from Ganjam district, Orissa by the agents of the contractors with a promise to pay them wages handsomely. But it is regrettable that they are forced to work for more than eight hours a day. They are kept in an unhygienic condition. They do not get medical treatment when they fall ill or meet with any accident while working. It is a matter of great concern that 77 workers from Ganjam district of Orissa died due to lack of proper treatment. Fifty of them died on account of cholera and 27 died when they met with accident while working. If the surviving workers continue to work in the same unhygienic atmosphere then there will be many more untimely deaths. Hence the protection of the migrant workers needs urgent attention of the Government of India.

In view of this, I request the concerned Ministers to direct the project authority to provide accommodation facilities, health services and better wages to the workers engaged in the preliminary works of the proposed Steel Plant at Vizag. The kith and kin of deceased should be provided adequate compensation forthwith.

- (v) Need to formulate a National Sports Policy and training to participants keeping in view the next Olympics at Seoul

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSHI (Howrah) : To enable us to participate effectively in the next Olympic in Seoul, 1988 immediate steps should be taken to formulate the policies of each sports discipline and an extensive training programme should be launched.

In this regard I draw the attention of the Sports Ministry to the fact that

they must immediately get in touch with the Indian Olympic Association so as to ascertain the reasons of failure in each discipline in the last Olympic and accordingly take steps for improvement and arrange necessary financial and infrastructural support.

A National Sports policy keeping in view the next Olympics and the immediate target of Asian Games formulated and necessary available foreign coaches be brought. These steps will have tremendous effects. Other countries have already started their plan and programme. If we delay we may not get competent foreign coaches and therefore the urgency.

- (vi) Sharp fall in the price of undigenous rubber and need to stop the import of rubber and purchase of surplus rubber by Government

SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL (Muvattupuzha) : During the last few months price of rubber crashed from Rs. 18 to Rs. 15 per kilogram. Imported rubber is costing more than Rs. 17. For saving the small and marginal rubber cultivators I request the Commerce Minister to stop all the import and distribution of imported rubber immediately. Further I appeal to the Government of India to purchase all the surplus rubber in the market through STC, Rubber Board, or Rubber Marketing Federation for a minimum price of Rs. 18 per kilogram and save the poor cultivators.

- (vii) Agitation by Kendriya Vidyalaya Teacher and need for dialogue with their representatives

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : I wish to draw the attention of the House towards an urgent matter of public importance of Kendriya Vidyalaya as all over the country are going to observe 23rd March, 1985 as 'Black Day'. They will wear black badges and hold recess meetings. They have been forced to register strong protest against the ban imposed on the entry