

generally seen that the work is left incomplete. If work for bio-gas pit is completed, the work of laying pipe-line remains incomplete and if pipe-line is laid, the drum is not installed. At places the work is incomplete for the last three years. The farmers are distressed at the indifferent attitude of the officers and now have started opposing this useful scheme. Millions of Quintals of Firewood could have been saved and the pressure on the forest reduced had the target of bio-gas plants been achieved every year. But now merely due to the carelessness of the departmental officers, this popular scheme is being disliked by the people.

From 1982 to 85, 19 such plants were to be set up in Kounda village block of Bastar district but till now only one plant has been completed. Similary in 32 blocks of the district, hundreds of such plants are lying incomplete. I, therefore, request the Central Government to issue immediate directives to the Commission to complete the work immediately and punish the guilty officers for delaying the work.

[English]

- (ii) Need to open an institute in every backward district of the country to train nurses, compounders, drivers, etc.

SHRI I. RAMA RAI (Kasaragod) : The 7th Five year Plan has given so much importance for the upliftment of the poor especially the down-trodden like Harijans and Girijans. The economic backwardness can be removed by providing jobs for at least one member from every poor family in the prosperous foreign countries, which will earn the badly needed foreign exchange also. For this I suggest to provide an institute in every backward district, similar to the proposed Central School, to train nurses, compounders, drivers and mechanics. After the training, these youngsters of the unfortunate families should be helped to get jobs by the various Embassies of our country abroad. As a first measure, I suggest that one such residential institute may be set up at Kasaragod, a most backward district of Kerala.

- (iii) Need to drop the proposal of merging Bharat Baigan Company, Muzaffarpur, Bihar with a sick industrial unit of West Bengal.

SHRI R. S. KHIRHAR (Sitamarhi) :
Sir, With the Industries Ministry at the Centre

there is a proposal to merge Bharat Baigan Company (Muzaffarpur-Bihar) with the sick industrial units of Bengal, which will be injustice with the said Bharat Baigan Company and with the workers engaged therein, because, Bharat Baigan Company always runs in profit and its future is bright. This year also the Bharat Baigan Company has earned profit of Rs. 20 lakhs. There was never any hartal or *bundh* in Bharat Baigan Company and the workers engaged in this company are well satisfied. So, Bharat Baigan Company (Muzaffarpur-Bihar) should not be taken and tagged with any other Industrial unit and it may kindly be left alone.

- (iv) Need to bring the entire Malabar area of Kerala under T.V. coverage.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore) : Doordarshan today plays a vital role in the day to day affairs of our country, being a live audio-visual link between the people and the Government. Its main objective is, we know, to inform, to educate and to entertain.

The policy of the Government of India appears to be to reach TV facilities to every nook and corner of the country. But unfortunately, while spacing TV transmitters, several important and densely populated areas in the Malabar Districts of Kerala have been overlooked. Malabar area consists of six major districts with nearly half the populations of the State. It is amazing that in spite of this, the Malabar area does not have a single high power transmitter. Not only are the districts of Wynad, Kasaragod and Malappuram ignored but also several areas, among them towns and villages lying between Calicut and Cannanore are beyond the areas covered by the respective low power transmitters.

The existence of low power transmitters at Calicut and Cannanore make it impossible for the people in the areas lying between to hope for TV coverage unless the Government deems it fit to either increase the capacity of the existing transmitters or to instal a transmitter midway, say at Mahe, which lies in the Union Territory of Pondicherry or at Badagara—both of which lie between Calicut and Cannanore. It is, therefore, essential for the development of these areas that the