

education of the children of the mill workers, who were studying in different schools and colleges, has been deferred. The situation is becoming serious. There is a general restlessness among the masses. Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Government to make immediate arrangements for reopening this paper mill.

(vi) Demand for T. V. Relay centres in Akbarpur and Tanda Tehsils of Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI R. P. SUMAN (Akbarpur) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, there is a vital contribution of Doordarshan in conveying achievements of the Government to the masses and providing information on agriculture, education, health, science and newly developed techniques to them. The people living in rural areas get information on new techniques and development-oriented plans through Doordarshan. Besides, Doordarshan facilities are being made available in urban and rural areas very rapidly.

A Doordarshan Relay Centre is situated in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh. But its range is only 25 k m. and as a result thereof, only half of the part of this area is benefited by this. Two big Tehsils of this area, Akbarpur and Tanda, comprising of 9 blocks and 12 police stations, have been deprived of this facility. There is a State Spinning Mill in Akbarpur and a 440 M W. Thermal Power Project is situated in Tanda Tehsil. People of both these Tehsils have been deprived of the Doordarshan facilities.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to set up a Doordarshan Relay Centre on priority basis anywhere in these two tehsils or the capacity of the Relay Centre situated in Faizabad may be increased so that the whole area may derive the benefit of Doordarshan programmes.

[English]

(vii) Demand for thorough check-up of cooking gas cylinders before delivery to consumers.

SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER (Bangalore South) : A very serious cooking gas mishap occurred in Tippunagar, Bangalore

city on 5th February, 1988 wherein gas from a leaking cooking gas cylinder caught fire and 10 persons, mostly children, died, and nearly 35 to 40 persons including women and children, are under treatment for serious burn injuries.

Leaking and bursting of gas cylinders are quite common nowadays in the country. It is necessary to have a thorough check of all the LPG cylinders before delivering them to the customer. The gas agency people do not bother about safety measures. The boys carry a number of cylinders on bicycles and handle them negligently without following safety regulations. Therefore, it is necessary to take immediate action to check all the LPG cylinders before giving delivery. Government should issue strict instructions to all gas agencies to follow safety regulations properly.

I also request for relief to the said gas victims from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

(viii) Full-fledged university status to Jamia Millia Islamia.

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla) : Sir, Jamia Millia Islamia was established in 1920 in the wake of the Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movement at the initiative of Mahatma Gandhi with the main object of exploring the methods by which education could be made truly responsive to the national goals. Distinguished national leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Mohammad Ali, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ansari and Dr. Zakir Hussain were its founders and they remained closely associated with this distinguished Institution. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru not only held this Institution in high esteem, but he strived to make it viable in whatever way it could.

It is a matter of great disappointment that the services and sacrifices of the founders of Jamia Millia Islamia are not appreciated in full measure. The role played by the founders of Jamia Millia during the freedom struggle is not hidden from anybody. Jamia Millia Islamia has a rightful claim for recognition as an Insti-