

exchanges in the Palghat district.

[English]

**(iii) Demand for sending another Central team to Bihar in order to Objectively assess the damage caused by earthquake of August, 1988**

DR.G.S.RAJHANS(Jhanjharpur): Sir, the plight of the people in Bihar who were affected by August, 1988 earthquake is beyond description. Lakhs of people have become homeless. several lakhs of houses have developed cracks and are uninhabitable. A large number of poor people are living under the upon sky in this cold weather.

Thousands of schools and college buildings are completely damaged as a result of which education in these institutions has come to a complete stop.

Thousands of tube wells are choked with sand. There is no other source of drinking water. In short, the miseries of the people are unimaginable.

Bihar was facing a strike by gazetted and non-gazetted employees when the Control team visited the State. As such, it could not get a true picture.

It is earnestly requested that a Central team be sent to Bihar once again to get an objective view of the damage caused by the earthquake. In the meantime Centre should give an intorim grant of Rupees one hundred crores to Bihar for the relief and rehabilitation of the marooned people. The Centre should also ensure that the relief reaches the needy people.

**(iv) Demand for accepting and implementing the proposal of M/s Hyundai Corporation of South Korea and developing Paradeep Port to boost export of iron ore from Orissa**

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): Sir, it is a matter of great concern that

the export of iron ore from Orissa has declined in the last few years and there has not been any remarkable improvement in the export during the year 1988-89. Orissa is one of the premier iron-ore producing States and according to a study, the existing iron ore mines would be able to produce adequate quantity of iron ore for an annual export of more than 6 to 7 million tonnes. But it is regrettable that the total annual export of iron ore from Orissa has not exceeded 2 million tonnes. The iron ore industry plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of the State. Thousands of workers earn their daily bread from this industry. Therefore, it is very necessary to increase the export of iron ore from Orissa. It is heartening to note that countries like China, Japan, South Korea and Rumania are willing to import iron ore from Orissa. But the tragedy is that necessary infrastructure for facilitating export has not been expanded at Paradeep Port.

I demand that the proposal of M/s. Hyundai Corporation, South Korea, should be accepted and implemented forthwith and develop the Port to give a boost to iron ore export from Orissa.

[Translation]

**(v) Demand for connecting the Etawah-Kota road with the National Highway via Morena and Sheopur Kalan**

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV (Morena): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Etawah Kota Road of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan is 600 kms. long and passes via Morena and Sheopur Kalan. Several mandis are located on this route. The foodgrains from these Mandis are supplied to Gujarat and Calcutta. This road is very narrow and uneven. The route is prone to accidents because of heavy traffic. There has been persistant demand for several years to connect this road with the National Highway but so far no attention has been paid to it.

I would like to request the Central Government to connect the Etawah-Kota road