

[Shri Jagdish Awasthi]

observed by organising meetings of officers and experts and *status-quo* is being maintained. This issue assumed so much importance for the people of Kanpur that they came out in thousands and themselves started digging the canal from the 15th of January, leaving aside their political, religious or caste differences by offering their labour. They are doing it with full dedication and they are getting cooperation of people of neighbouring districts also. I therefore, request the Government with full emphasis under my command to take concrete steps to solve this problem of public importance without any further delay or wasting time in holding meetings so that drinking water problem of Kanpur city could be solved for ever.

[English]

(iii) Need for formation of a Separate suburban railway zone for Bombay

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH (Bombay North) : I would like to draw the attention of Railway Minister towards the long pending demand of suburban commuters of Bombay. Looking towards the grave situation of suburban Railway Section of Bombay and the grievances of suburban commuters, there is no alternative but to separate Railway zone of suburban section of Bombay.

As the concept of cost sharing is adopted by Railway Authorities, State Government of Maharashtra may not be in a position to share cost for construction of flyover bridges and other facilities for suburban commuters of Bombay.

In fact, suburban section of Bombay is making profit but because of faulty accounting system of Western railway, it is being shown in loss.

To solve the problems of suburban commuters, to provide more facilities to them and to minimise overcrowding of trains, the formation of a separate suburban railway zone of Bombay is quite necessary.

I earnestly request Minister of Railways to consider the demand of commuters of

Bombay for the formation of separate railway zone.

(iv) Need to link Bhubaneswar (Orissa) with Dallas (USA) via Satellite

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : The then Electronics Commissioner Dr. M. S. Sanjeevi Rao) while visiting Bhubaneswar in May, 1985 had announced that Bhubaneswar would be a software city. The matter was taken up with the present Chairman, Electronics Commission during his visit to Bhubaneswar on 16-9-1987. Following the same, the Department of Electronics had announced that Bhubaneswar and Dallas in USA would be linked up through satellite.

The total cost of the project would be about ten million dollars and it would essentially involve setting up an Earth Station at Dallas and another at Bhubaneswar with an investment of about 3 billion dollars each at both the places.

It is learnt that the Department of Electronics is linking up Massachusetts in USA with Pune and the expenditure at the Indian end is being borne by the Central Government. Government of Orissa requested on 31-12-1987 the Department of Electronics to make similar arrangement for the Earth Station at Bhubaneswar and at least 50% of the proposed loan of 3 million dollars may be provided in the shape of an outright grant. It is therefore, urged upon the Government of India to formulate a detailed proposal and send it to the Consul-General of India at San Francisco for being presented to the Authority of the City Hall of Dallas and take expeditious steps for early implementation of the Project at Bhubaneswar.

[Translation]

(v) Need to recognise Electrophathy as a branch of medical science

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI (Khalilabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to make a submission under Rule 377 that millions of people of our country are still deprived of medical facilities despite the sincere efforts made by the Government to provide medical facilities during the

post-independence period. One of the important reasons attributes to it is the shortage of doctors as compared to the growth of population and the present system of medicine being very costly. Government has been promoting different systems of medicine by recognising them from time to time, keeping in view the needs of the people of our country. For example, Ayurvedic system of medicine, which has been practiced from times immemorial in the country, was recognised by the Government in 1932. Dr. Majumdar was the pioneer in introducing the study of Homeopathic system of medicine in India by opening a private college in Calcutta. This system was also recognised by the Government after persistent efforts and struggle for hundred years. Electropathy medical science was introduced to the world in 1865 by its founding father Dr. Count Cezarmetti, who was an Italian. This system has its own complete pharmacopoeia and Medicines of this system are harmless, efficacious, cheap and suitable to the needs of our country and economic conditions of our people. Hundreds of colleges of this system of medicine are imparting training in the country and also successfully treating the people. N.E.H.M. of India have contributed very much for the propagation of of this system in the country.

So, I urge upon the Minister for Health of the Government of India to accord recognition to the Electropathy system which is a complete science in itself, as the fifth system of medicine.

[English]

- (vi) Need for immediate steps to control Kala a-Zar which has spread in epidemic form in Bihar Eastern U.P. and West Bengal

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Sir, KALA-A-ZAR has taken the form of epidemic in Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. It is a dreadful disease and the rate of mortality is very high. The most unfortunate part of the story is that the proper medicine of this disease is not manufactured in India and is imported from foreign countries only. The price of the imported medicine is exorbitant and is beyond the reach of the common man.

This dreadful disease had spread in an epidemic form in these States in 1940 also and taken a heavy toll of human life.

It is requested that all-out efforts be made to control this disease on a war-footing. Besides, the necessary medicine be imported in bulk quantity immediately and supplied to the poor people of these States, at a subsidised rate.

- (vii) Need to start I.A. flights between Trivandrum-Singapore and between Trivandrum-Andamans

SHRI K. MOHAN DAS (Mukundapuram) : Sir, the Indian Airlines is operating a flight between Madras and Singapore. A large number of Keralites are working in Singapore. The present flight is not of much help to them. It will be highly helpful to the Keralites if another flight is introduced between Trivandrum and Singapore, or in the alternative the present flight be extended upto Trivandrum. This will make this service highly profitable.

Similarly, there is a strong demand that a flight be introduced between Trivandrum and Andamans in view of the large number of Keralites working in Andamans.

It is requested that early action may be taken on both the demands.

- (viii) Need for early implementation of Mandal Commission recommendations

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj) : Sir, the report of the Mandal Commission on the Other Backward Classes has not yet been implemented although seven years have lapsed since it was submitted to the Government. Various national parties and organisations have demanded its implementation atleast at the Central level. The National Union of Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities has launched a nation-wide agitation for its implementation. In 1987, it submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on the subject, and subsequently discussed this subject with one of his colleagues.

The Report was tabled and discussed in both Houses of Parliament and a consensus emerged in favour of its implementation;