

[SH. R.P. Suman]

Sir, Door Darshan plays a very important role in enhancing knowledge of masses, in disseminating information about new techniques in the farming, in communicating achievements of Government and in creating social awareness among different sections of the society. The importance of Door Darshan is rapidly increasing in the changing social order and in achieving present political, social and cultural objectives of the country. Door Darshan has greatly contributed in pacifying the agitated masses, in upholding the dignity of labour, in making available scientific facilities to the villages and in inculcating the feeling national integrity in crores of youth of our country. But it is unfortunate that most of the rural areas of the country are not getting the facility of Door Darshan among them Tanda and Akbarpur tehsils of Faizabad district (U.P.) are also there. Television sets in a very large number can be seen in both of the tehsils but people cannot make use of these facilities. There is a low Power Relay Centre at head-quarter of Faizabad district but its range is only 25 kms. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to set up a low power Relay Centre at Akbarpur in Faizabad district (U.P.)

- (iv) **Need to give financial assistance to Rajasthan to provide relief to the drought affected people of Pali district**

SHRI SHANKAR LAL (Pali): About 200 villages of district Pali in Rajasthan are in the grip of drought this year also and in several villages even drinking water is being supplied through tankers. The administration of Pali district had sent its report based on Revenue Record, maintained on the basis of on-the-spot visits to the fields, to the State Government on 2-11 -88 and these villages had been declared drought affected by State

Government but in spite of this due to paucity of funds no relief is being provided to the people of these areas. Not only this even stringent steps are being taken against the people of these villages to recover loans through banks and co-operative societies. Therefore, it is essential that the centre should provide adequate financial assistance to the Government of Rajasthan with instructions to provide relief to these drought affected villages.

[English]

- (v) **Need to increase the speed of Venkatadri Express running between Secunderabad and Tirupathi and to change its timings**

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Hindupur): The Venkatadri Express takes about nineteen hours to travel a distance of about 700 kilometres between Secunderabad and Tirupati on the metre gauge line as it moves at a speed of about 35 kilometres per hour only. There is loss of time of about 75 minutes at Guntakal. This train leaves Secunderabad at 3.30 P.M. and arrives at Secunderabad at 9.30 A.M. The timings are thus very inconvenient for passengers.

If the train is speeded up and the stoppage time at Guntakal is reduced, the total timing between Secunderabad and Tirupati can be reduced by about two to three hours very easily.

It is requested that the departure time from Secunderabad may be changed to 17.00 hours, the time of arrival at Secunderabad may be fixed at 8 A.M. instead of the present time 9.30 A.M. and an A/C Coach may also be provided. If these suggestions are implemented, the passengers will be obliged and it would be very convenient for the passengers.