(ii) Need to declare Kalahandi District Orissa as 'No Industry district'

PATTNAIK SHRI JAGANNATH (Kalahandi): Sir, in order to implement the national policy of the Central Government to create infrastructure for the industrial growth in the backward districts and for better socioeconomic development and to provide employment opportunity to the people of the chronically drought affected areas of Kalahandi district in the State of Orissa, Kalahandi should be declared as a 'Noindustry' district. Necessary steps to establish one sugar factory, one paper mill, one spinning mill and one vegetable oil company should be taken, for which necessary infrastructure is already available.

(iii) Need for immediate financial aid to the Government of Maharashtra for relief and rescue operations in rain affected areas

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE (Bombay-North Central): Low pressure belt moving east to west, causing unprecedented rains accompanied by high wind in twelve districts of Maharashtra on Monday, the 24th July, 1989 has caused extensive damage and loss of life.

In Marathwada, all the districts (except Latur) received incessant rains raising water level in rivers and nullahs. It is reported that a large number of houses collapsed causing several deaths.

Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Raigad and Thane, that is, all the four coastal districts, as well as parts of Kolhapur and Pune districts have been affected by heavy rains and gale.

The traffic between Bombay and Pune was disrupted because of the land slide in Borghat. Four carriages of a local train from Lonawala to Pune got derailed and were capsized, resulting in several deaths.

The extent of damage to life and property is feared to be extensive and widespread. I urge upon the Union Government to give substantial aid to Government of Maharashtra for rescue and relief operations.

 (iv) Need for steps to provide employment to educated unemployed youth of urban areas

MAMATA BANERJEE KUMARI (Jadavpur): Sir, I must congratulate the Government for taking steps to improve the conditions of rural people through Jawahar Rozgar Yojna. I would also like to draw the kind attention of the Government that it should also take some steps to provide employment to the educated unemployed youth of urban areas. According to Employment Exchanges, there are more than two crores of educated unemployed youth and the number is growing day by day. The Government should ask the voluntary agencies and non-government organisations not to resort to indiscriminate mechanisation without creating alternative employment opportunities.

(v) Need to direct the concerned authorities not to interfere in the autonomy of Universities in the States and not to bypass the All India Council Technical Education

SHRI P. SELVENDRAN (Periakulam): Sir, a 'High-powered Committee' headed by the Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Madras, in its report on the functioning of the various Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu, has proposed their disaffiliation from the Universities in Tamil Nadu. It is learnt that under pressure of the State Government, the University authorities have formed a sub-committee to study the report of the High-powered Committee and based on their findings, a final decision in the matter will be taken.

Universities are autonomous bodies and are expected to act according to reports of their own committees. Because of false propaganda, publicity and advertisement about the functioning of these colleges and