

11.18 hrs.

[Translation]

**MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

[English]

- (I) **Need to appoint a High Power Committee to investigate into the cause of frustration among young Scientists**

DR. PHULRENU GUHA (Contai): A huge amount of money is spent to train scientists but it is found that many of the scientists, particularly, the young scientists, suffer from frustration.

So, I urge upon the Government of India to appoint a high power Committee to investigate into the matter and make necessary action thereon.

- (II) **Need to establish a research oriented organisation at Puri (Orissa) to promote export and development of marine products and to nominate representative from Orissa on Marine Advisory Body**

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): Orissa has a long coast and having potentiality of marine development including fishing. Orissa's export potentiality of fishing and marine products is not negligible. But unfortunately the Government of India have taken no notice of the developmental potentiality of marine products of Orissa and no research oriented organisation for developing marine products and fishery has been established there like the one in Cochin. Even in Marine Advisory Committee, Orissa has no representation. I, therefore, request the Union Government to establish a research oriented organisation at Puri to promote the export and development of marine products including fishery. It is also urged upon the Government to nominate representatives from Orissa on Marine Advisory Body.

- (III) **Need to link various rivers in the country for maximum utilisation of the water resources**

SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM (Mandla): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377 I would like to inform that excess rainfall in our country causes floods which destroy crops in thousands of acres of land, causes soil erosion and renders thousands of people homeless. Most of the water flows down into the sea without being utilised. On the other hand some states fall into the grip of drought in the absence of pushing lakhs of people and livestock into the jaws of death due to the scarcity of fodder, grass and water. Thus, excess rainfall and scanty rainfall both adversely affect the country. The water, which is called elixir of life, flows down into the sea without being utilised. This problem can be solved if a network of canals linking various rivers of the country is built. For this purpose, a time bound programme should be chalked out to spread a network of canals through out the country on the pattern of railway network. In this way we can make good use of water which goes down into the sea unutilised and these canals also be utilised for transportation purposes. Hence the Central Government should take over this project in its own hand on priority basis.

[English]

- (IV) **Need to set up monitoring cells at State-level to ensure availability of essential commodities to consumers through the public distribution system**

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA (Robertsganj): It is a matter of great concern that inspite of the directives from the Union Government, no shops are being opened under public distribution system in different parts of the country, according to the norms prescribed by the Government of India.