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[Translation]

- (i) Need to direct military authorities to provide drinking water in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur and surrounding villages through tankers

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer) : Mr. Speaker Sir, in Rajasthan the water level in wells has gone down as there were no rains there last year. Consequently, the water problem is assuming serious dimensions there. During summer, drinking water is supplied by tankers every year to the rural areas in the desert-districts of Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur. There is an urgent need to supply drinking water through tankers at present also as in many villages famine conditions are prevailing.

To supply water by tankers to rural areas on war footing till May, June and 15th July, it is necessary to make arrangements now. Summer has already started. Therefore, drinking water should be supplied through trucks and tankers in the places facing this problem.

Whenever there has been serious crisis of drinking water, the Central Government have made available the services of the military and the military have been supplying water to Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur districts during May, June upto 15th July.

Therefore, we urge the Central Government to come to the help of the State Government and arrange for the services of the military so that relief is given to the people by providing drinking water to the rural areas.

- (ii) Need to supply Nut Coke and Pearl Coke to help brass industry of Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh)

SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ (Moradabad) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Moradabad district is a famous trading and industrial Centre in western U.P. A serious crisis has developed in the traditional world famous brass industry of Moradabad due to irregular supply of special types of coke called 'Nut coke' and 'Pearl Coke' used in the small furnaces

of the industry. The afore-said Coke is used in the industries manufacturing brassware. Government should arrange to send the said coke through wagons.

[English]

- (iii) Need to instal a 10 KW transmitter for relaying T. V. Programme from Sambalpur to Western Parts of Orissa

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur) : The low power transmitter fixed at Sambalpur has a capacity of 1 K.W. As Sambalpur is the heart of West Orissa inhabited by 47 per cent of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population, it requires a transmitter with a larger capacity to generate a scientific temper in this backward area which has been neglected since independence, and it should get the message of Government of India for 20 Point Economic Programme as also the message of health for all by 2000 AD., incorporated in the Alma Ata declaration signed by the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi. These messages do not reach the majority of the population of West Orissa.

In view of this, the capacity of the low power transmitter should be increased to 10 K.W. so that it can reach 70 per cent of the population of West Orissa.

At the same time, a studio should be set up there, for the language of West Orissa is quite different than the Oriya language. Unless a studio is built up in West Orissa preparing programmes to cater to the needs of the people of this area, the people of that area will not understand the Oriya language. This studio should be provided at an early date to give facility to the artistes of West Orissa which is rich in cultural heritage.

The 10 K.W. transmitter, if installed, will go a long way in fulfilling the requirements of the people of West Orissa.

12.10 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

- (iv) Need to set up river Travel Development Corporation to promote travel by boats

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Since time immemorial travel by boats along rivers