

13.02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at five minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

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

MATTERS UNDER-RULE 377

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now Matters under Rule 377.

[*Translation*]

- (i) **Need for solving the drinking water problem in Bundelkhand, especially in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh**

SHRI BHISMA DEO DUBE (Banda): Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh and particularly my constituency Banda has been again affected by scanty rainfall. A meeting of Irrigation Department was held on the 6th of this month. We came to know from the figures that even if there is average rainfall this year, we would not be able to meet more than 30 to 35 percent of our irrigation needs. In the coming months, there shall not only be a problem on the irrigation front but also drinking water problem for human beings and animals. Water level is fast receding in the entire district. There will be acute drinking water problem from February onwards during the next summer. I can say with certainty that if timely steps are not taken to solve the problem, there will be loss of human life also besides loss of cattle wealth.

So I would request the Government to start preparations on a war-footing to solve the problem and settle the long standing water dispute distribution between U.P. and M.P. by the Central Water Commission. Another request in this regard is to provide drinking water to the backward district like Banda. The State Government should be allocated Rs. 10 crores separately so that hand pumps are installed in every village extensively.

- (ii) **Need to check rise in prices of the essential commodities and to ensure their supply**

[*English*]

SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK (Kalahandi): Price rise of different essential commodities has become a matter of grave concern for the common people. All possible economic and administrative measures should be taken to ensure that prices come down to a reasonable level. It is high time that five to seven essential commodities which are of daily use of common people, should be identified and it should be ensured that in no circumstances, prices of these commodities are allowed to rise and also ensure steady supply of these commodities.

[*Translation*]

- (iii) **Need for a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh**

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV (Morena): The population of Morena district in Madhya Pradesh is about 15 lakh. Besides, the district headquarter, the headquarter of Chambal division is also situated in Morena. There are a number of schools and colleges in Morena. But there is need for a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the area. Therefore, I would request the Central Government to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Morena city so that the children can be provided good education and the backwardness of the city and the district could be removed.

- (iv) **Need to provide adequate financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh Government to help the State overcome the drinking water problem there, especially in Sehore, Bhopal and Devas districts**

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN (Bhopal): This year the rainfall has been satisfactory all over the country. But there was less than average rainfall in more than 80 per cent districts of Madhya Pradesh. The crops of paddy and soyabean have already been