

[Shri Virdhi Chander Jain]

of modern and scientific methods for the mining and development of this limestone for refining steel. At present, the mining of this limestone in Jaisalmer is being done by the industrialists and Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation. The Corporation is doing work mining only in some areas. The Central Government should utilise the services of National Mineral Development Corporation and do mining by scientific methods after preparing proper projects.

This limestone should be used in Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur, Rourkela steel plants so that the import of limestone from Japan could be stopped and the country could save foreign exchange.

12.17 hrs.

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

[*English*]

(ii) **Need for more funds for utilization of water resources in Jhalawar district in Rajasthan**

SHRI JUJHAR SINGH (Jhalawar) : With the continuous disturbance of the cycle of monsoon over a period of years and with the scanty rainfall, the food production in the country has fallen short of the target.

It is very necessary that this shortfall in food production is augmented by increasing irrigation facilities in areas where water is available.

Jhalawar District of Rajasthan is rich in water resources and very small percentage of the available water resources have so far been utilised so much so that the percentage of irrigated area in Jhalawar is even lower than the average of Rajasthan which is a desert state. There is plenty of water available for lift irrigation in several perennial rivers in this district.

Besides that, there are on-going schemes of irrigation on Vilasi and Chappi rivers in Jhalawar which need to be completed on war-footing considering the food requirements of the country. Very small allocation of funds have been

made in the budget on Vilasi and Chappi projects this year with the result that both these projects are likely to be delayed in completion. I, therefore, request the Minister of Water Resources to please release more fund to the State Government for better and early utilisation of water resources available in Jhalawar.

[*Translation*]

(iii) **Need for medical facilities to people living in backward areas**

SHRI MANKURAM SODI (Bastar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, every citizen of this country is entitled to the public health facilities but citizens of some places have been deprived of this right, although there is some contribution of every citizen in the annual expenditure of the medical colleges. Due to the non-availability of transport and other facilities for the doctors in many backward parts of country, the doctors do not want to go there. If they are transferred, they get it cancelled on some pretext or the other. In these areas, the people being superstitious use a number of superstitious remedies to cure the diseases which result into untimely death of many patients.

I would like to request the Central Government that the doctors should be given more facilities so that they may come to those backward areas willingly and the people residing there could make use of modern health services.

[*English*]

(iv) **Need for expansion and improvement in Post and Telecommunication facilities**

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur) : The setting up of National Missions on "Better Communications" and four other subjects is a laudable step. However, in the absence of an integrated approach for the provision of Postal and Telecom facilities, the benefits from the setting up of the Mission on Communications are not likely to be immediate and comprehensive in the rural areas. As the common man especially in the rural areas still depends upon the postal network, it is essential that immediate attention is also paid to the