

[Shri Bharat Singh]

there is saltish water in Najafgarh, Ochandi, Kutubgarh, Tikri Kalan, Hirokudana and in several other villages of my constituency, Outer Delhi. Therefore, these villages are being given water from Haidarpur tank. But there is a great shortage of drinking water in all these villages. Two years back drinking water was available in these villages but since new colonies like Rohini, Viaspuri, Paschim Vihar and Pritampura have come up in this area, the available water is got consumed by the residents of these colonies. Hence the people of newly built up colonies do not get the supply of water even for two hours a day. Although the Haidarpur tank has been built up on the land of Haidarpur village, yet the people of this village do not get water from this tank. One more plant should be set up immediately at Haidarpur so that all the residents of these villages may get the supply of drinking water. Pending it, water should be made available to these villages through tankers.

[English]

**(iv) Need to set up a separate directorate of Telecommunication in Marathawada region of Maharashtra:**

SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN (Nanded): I wish to raise the question of opening of an office of Directorate of Telecommunication in the Marathawada region of Maharashtra State. There are seven districts in the Marathawada region. For the purpose of telecommunication, these seven

districts have been placed under three separate Telecom Directors viz. Nanded and Parbhani under Telecom Director, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Jalna under Nasik and Latur, Beed and Osmanabad under Kolhapur. For a well coordinated and systematic development of this region, it is essential that a separate Directorate of Telecommunication is set up in this backward region. The obstacles which come in its way including technical ones, if any, could be solved. By setting up this Directorate, the problem of this region could be solved at one place only instead of being handled at three different places. I would request the Minister of Communications to kindly consider this proposal favourably.

**(v) Need for research to produce high yielding variety of coconut.**

SHRI I. RAMA RAI (Kasaragod): The economy of the rural Keralites is dependent on the income from coconut. Coconut also contributes to the edible oil as well as to the traditional industries like coir. Over and above this, the Government of India is keen on the development of coconut crop in non coconut growing States of the country. But it is disappointing that the various Research Centres like Central Plantations Research Institute, Kasaragod, Kerala, which is a National Institute under ICAR have failed in finding suitable preventive measures for the root-wilt disease and also in developing the 'tissue culture'. To serve this purpose the existing coconut plants should be