

implement short term as well as long term measures to fight this calamity.

12.11 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

(iii) Need to expedite issue of Licences for opening of bank branches in Cuttack and Koraput district of Orissa

SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK (Jagatsinghpur) : In pursuance of the Branch Expansion Programme of the Reserve Bank of India for the period 1985-90 aiming at achieving a Bank branch for 17000 population and ensuring even distribution of branches so as to have at least one Bank Office within a radius of 10 kms and within an area of 200 sq. kms, the Government of Orissa have recommended to the Reserve Bank of India for opening of Bank branches in 236 identified growth centres. The Reserve Bank of India has already granted seven licences for Kalahandi district and nine licences for Phulbani district during the year 1986. Five branches have so far been opened against these licences. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has approved 83 centres for opening of new Bank branches by Commercial Banks only in nine more districts of the State. The licences are yet to be issued. Therefore, I request the Central Government to direct the Reserve Bank of India to expedite the issue of the licences for the remaining two districts, that is Cuttack and Koraput and also grant licences for the remaining identified centres at an early date.

(iv) Need to provide a rail system for Bangalore city to meet its increasing transport demand

SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR (Mysore) : Bangalore is the fastest growing metropolitan city in India. The growth rate of Bangalore's population shot up from 37.82% during the decade 1961-71 to 76.17% during 1971-81. With a population of over 30 lakhs, Bangalore is the fifth largest city in India. The city's rapid growth has resulted in tremendous traffic congestion and mounting

frequency of road accidents and is exerting enormous pressure on bus transport system. The addition of more buses would give partial relief to a limited extent only as the city's roads are not broad enough to carry increased number of buses. As estimated by an expert study group when the population of the city reaches 70 lakh by the year 2001, the road transport system would not be able to meet the transport demand even if all conceivable traffic engineering improvements are provided and even if the maximum augmentation of the bus fleet is made. Therefore a metropolitan rail system for Bangalore is very essential.

In view of the above facts, I request the Government of India that rapid transit system and also a suburban electrified rail system should be introduced for Bangalore during Seventh Plan.

(v) Need to set up a large sugar factory in Mithila region in North Bihar

DR. G.S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Mithila region of North-Bihar is extremely backward economically. There is no industry worth the name. Agriculture is also in a very poor state. There is, however, a redeeming feature. The soil of Mithila has proved very alluvial for the farming of sugarcane. The sugarcane grown here is one of the best varieties available in the country. But the cultivators do not take to the farming of sugarcane because there is no sugar factory worthwhile to buy the sugarcane. A couple of sugar factories existing in the area were set up in pre-World War-I days. The machines are old and depleted. These factories mostly remain closed.

There is a great potentiality of setting up a giant sugar factory in Mithila region. The farmers will grow sugarcane in abundance which is a cash crop, the local people who mostly remain unemployed, will get employment and the country will get cheaper sugar.

As such, I request the Central Government to set up a giant sugar factory in Mithila region in collaboration with Bihar Government,