

whereas with the use of the imported medicine, the pupils do not shrink. If some patient has, along with Glaucoma, Cataract also then the shrinking of the pupil by the use of the Indian medicine can cause blindness. The price of TIMOPTOL in Delhi ranges between Rs. 140 to Rs. 250. In smaller places it is not available at all. A poor man cannot purchase it and consequently loses his eyesight. I, therefore, urge the Government to exempt such medicines from customs duty and such arrangements should be made as to make these medicines easily available to the common man. It is the duty of Government to protect the health of the citizens. Therefore, arrangements should be made to ensure that the best life-saving drugs at cheaper rates are available to the people. Along with the exemption of the life-saving drugs from the customs duty, their sale at fair prices should also be ensured.

[English]

- (xxi) **Need for central assistance to meet the situation caused by cyclone in large areas of Cuttack, Balasore and some other Districts of Orissa**

SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK (Kalahandi): Sir, it is a matter of deep concern that natural calamities like tornado, cyclone and hailstorm have lashed out large areas of Cuttack, Balasore, Keonjhar and Sambalpur districts during the current fortnight causing colossal loss and thus making the lives of the people quite miserable. On last 11th, Chipilima, Dhama, Goshala, Godbhaga and Attabira areas of Sadar and Bargarh sub-divisions in Sambalpur district experienced an unprecedented cyclone which claimed at least three human lives and heavy toll of cattle besides injuring many. Several thousands of houses were razed to the ground. 2 lakh people of this district are badly affected and property including standing Dalua crop worth Rs. 20 crores is lost.

The sufferings of these affected people know no bounds and they are very much

of the Government to help these people in all possible ways.

Orissa is an unfortunate State to be very frequently visited by natural calamities like floods, drought and cyclone. When the State is presently passing through severe drought conditions due to inadequate rainfall in September-October last, the further adds to its misery and it will not be possible on the part of the State Government to meet the situation without liberal Central assistance.

I would, therefore urge, upon the Union Government to send a Central Team to Orissa's affected areas immediately and come to the rescue of the State Government of Orissa in a big way.

- (xxii) **Taking over the Masulipatnam-Vijayawada State Highway by the Central Government**

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada): Sir, national highway should mean either Sea Port or Air Port at either end. Government of Andhra Pradesh is requesting Union Government to take over Masulipatnam-Vijayawada Road of 64 km. to extend Sholapur-Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway up to Masulipatnam to connect it to the Masulipatnam Port which handles large quantities of urea fertilizers etc. The matter is pending since many years. So I request the Government of India to take over Masulipatnam-Vijayawada State Highway and add it to National Highway Sholapur-Vijayawada immediately in the current year, 1985-86.

- (xxiii) **Need for Representation of Andhra Pradesh artists in the Festival of India in France and U.S.A.**

SHRI S. M. BHATTAM (Visakhapatnam): Sir, Festival of India will be held this year from June with the noble and laudable objective of promoting mutual understanding and also strengthening the cultural bonds and relations between these two countries namely,