

Capital Region. Alwar is a growing industrial town. Present TV transmitter at Alwar city is of 25 KW only. It can feed the viewers of TV residing within 25 kilometer periphery of Alwar city,

Important towns of Alwar like Rajgar, Thanagazi, Kishangar-Bas, Khairthal, Tijara, Mandawar and Bansur are deprived of the TV facilities. TV is a media for education, social awareness and informative of the modern science and technology. It is a necessity for the people of modern age.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to install a high power transmitter for TV at Alwar, Rajasthan.

[Translation]

(v) **Need to bring about uniformity in the levy of taxes by States and Union Territories**

**\*\*SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat)**: It is very necessary to bring in uniformity in the taxes being levied in different States and Union Territories. This question was discussed in detail in the meeting of Commissioners and the Conference of Regional Councils held in Bangalore in 1982. However, nothing could be done so far in this regard. The sales tax and other levies on goods in certain Union Territories are very low. This adversely affects the neighbouring States. For instance, the levy on motor car etc. is 15 per cent in Kerala whereas it is only 6 per cent in the neighbouring area, Pondicherry. The Government of Kerala has reduced it to 6 per cent in order to bring about uniformity in the levy. But recently, the Government of Pondicherry has reduced it further to 3 per cent. This has badly affected the trade and the revenue of the State of Kerala.

Therefore, I would request the Central Government to intervene in the matter and take steps to prevent the Union Territory administration from reducing taxes in this manner unilaterally.

**\*\*The Speech was originally delivered in Malayalam.**

(vi) **Need to open more purchase centres in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh to enable farmers to sell their paddy at support price**

**SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA (Roberts-ganj)**: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, despite the announcement by the Government, the support price of paddy will be Rs. 142, Rs. 146 and Rs. 155. In the absence of any purchase centre in Mirzapur district (Uttar Pradesh) the paddy is being sold at less than even Rs. 100. It is even more regretful that at this price also the farmers are not able to sell their yield at the time of their need. Consequently, there is restlessness and deep resentment among the farmers of Mirzapur. On the other hand, arrears from the farmers are being recovered with strictness, whereas the area has been in the grip of natural calamities like floods and drought for the last many years.

I, therefore, under this notice, request the Central Government to open requisite number of purchase centres, particularly in Narayanpur, Adarhat, Jamalpur, Ahrora, Ramgarh, Robersganj, Rajgarh, Baraval etc. and hope that in the interest of the farmers purchase centres will be opened without any delay.

(vii) **Demand for a paper factory in backward district of Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh to utilise high calcium limestone available there**

[English]

**SHRI D. N. Reddy (Cuddapah)**: Sir, high calcium lime stone is available in plenty in Cuddapah district. This is used mostly in paper industry, and not used in cement factories. This being so, I want the Government should come forward to locate one paper factory to manufacture all kinds of paper in the public sector at Cuddapah, a backward district of Andhra Pradesh, thus not only using the large stocks of lime stone, but also it would develop the backward Rayalseema area.

(viii) **Need to import raw sugar instead of refined sugar and to reprocess it in the country**

**SHRI R. P. DAS (Krishnagar)**: Low sugar production in the last years has forced