

compensation to the farmers whose crops have been damaged and also to release more water in the canals. It would be in the interest of the farmers if arrangements are made for providing subsidy to the farmers for purchasing generators for their tube-wells.

(iii) Need to provide financial assistance for the completion of Sagarmal Gopa link project of Rajasthan Canal

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the construction work of the Rajasthan Canal has been going on at a fast pace and this Canal has reached upto the Mohangarh town of District Jaisalmer. It would provide water for irrigation purposes in an area of 50,000 acres, with the result that desert areas would be metamorphosed.

The recent decision of the State Government to extend the Lilva Branch of the Rajasthan Canal, which is now known as Sagarmal Gopa, upto Gadra Road of Barmer district has been welcomed by the people of the State.

The initial survey of the Canal for linking Sagarmal Gopa Branch with Gadra Road has been started. It would involve additional digging of 185 km. stretch of the said Branch so that the water may reach Gadra Road. Thereby permanent arrangements could be made for the irrigation of 2.5 lakh hectares of land.

This Branch would be constructed right on the Indo-Pak border. It would have strategic importance and would prove to be a boon for the people of the border areas.

An expenditure of Rs. 50 crores is likely to be incurred on the construction of the said Branch. The financial condition of the State Government is not sound enough to bear this expenditure. I therefore, earnestly request the Central Government to provide financial assistance of Rs. 50 crores for the completion of the Sagarmal Gopa Project at the earliest with a view to make water available in the Barmer and Jaisalmer districts, the border area and the backward Thar desert area of Rajasthan, so that the project could be completed in three years and the desert could bloom.

[English]

(iv) Need to set up Integral Rail Coach Factory at Kaizpet

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY (Hanamkonda) : Warangal is a backward district in Andhra Pradesh. There is no industry till today. After so many years of struggle the Central Government was pleased to order a survey for setting up a Rail Coach Factory at Kazipet.

The Railway Board sent a Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) Committee for survey and finding location. The above committee inspected Kazipet and recommended to Central Government for that Rail-Coach Factory at Kazipet.

The State of Andhra Pradesh came forward to extend full cooperation and offered free land, water, power and other requirements.

On January 21, 1985, 24 Members of Parliament submitted memorandum to Hon. Prime Minister.

Warangal District is a very backward area in Telengana and the Central Government should take interest in establishing industries there.

While matter stood so, the Prime Minister declared that a Rail Coach Factory will be set up in Punjab.

I would request the Central Government to set up a Rail Coach Factory at Kazipet and solve the unemployment problem because of which the extremist activities are increasing daily.

(v) Failure of the Indian Missions to provide help to the stranded Indians in various cities of Iran and Iraq

SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI (Srinagar) : As a result of the recent flare up in the war between Iran and Iraq the conflagration has resulted in open attacks on civilian population of the two countries devastating residential areas and killing innocent people. This development has created fear psychosis among Indians living in Baghdad and Tehran and other important cities, where

they work for the respective governments and private agencies in hospitals, engineering complexes and business enterprises. Most of these people are waiting for evacuation. One hundred such doctors hailing from Jammu and Kashmir State are working in Iran who are finding Tehran and other cities unsafe due to air raids and bombings, are anxious to return to India. But for the lack of response from Foreign Affairs Ministry and diplomatic mission at Tehran they are stranded. Their relations in J & K State are extremely worried and anxiously waiting for their safe arrival in India.

Indian citizens in Baghdad and other important towns of Iraq are also facing the same ordeal. Diplomatic mission there also has been found wanting in foresight and duties towards its countrymen.

Unfortunately Indian missions abroad have not been able to provide succour and necessary help to the Indian nationals in hour of peril and have exposed, themselves to bitter criticism at home. The time has come that we should rejuvenate these missions and well equip them to the challenge of the times.

The Government of India should in these abnormal and ever deteriorating conditions in war torn Iran and Iraq take necessary steps to evacuate the Indians working there on war footing and in this regard place Air India and other facilities readily available to the affected people.

- (vi) Need for construction of roads from Alwar to Bhiwandi and Alwar to Delhi and giving financial assistance from National Capital Region Plan Funds

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar) : The main objective of the National Capital Region Plan is to achieve integrated development of satellite towns located within a periphery of one hundred miles from the National Capital, that is Delhi, Alwar town and areas of Tahsils of Behrore, Bansur, Tijere, Mandawar, Kishangarh-Bas and Ramgarh of District Alwar, Rajasthan fall in the National Capital Region.

The Central theme of the Plan is to link towns of this region directly to Delhi by road and to provide infrastructural facilities for planned development of that area.

Alwar town is a district headquarter with a population of 1.5 lakhs. It is an industrial town and its industrial growth is remarkable. It needs to be linked with Delhi city directly by a road. Urban Improvement Trust, Alwar and National Capital Region Plan Implementation Authority Alwar (Rajasthan) had already formulated and forwarded to the Ministry of Works and Housing, proposals for construction of two important roads from Alwar town to Delhi city. First proposal is that a road from Alwar to Bhiwandi *via* Kishangarh-Bas and from Bhiwandi to Delhi *via* Bilaspur should be taken up for construction from N.C.R. funds. The second proposal is that a road from Alwar to Delhi *via* Kot-Kasim and Budhi Bawal should be taken up for construction so that a direct road from Alwar town to Delhi city *via* Khairthal, Kot-Kasim, Budhi Bawal, Nanorampur-Bas and Dharuheda may come in existence.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Works and Housing, Govt. of India to approve the above two roads and accord financial sanction from the National Capital Region Plan Funds so that construction work at the site may be taken in hand immediately.

- (vii) Demand for sanction of special grant to Orissa to relieve acute water shortage in drought-affected areas in the State

[Translation]

***SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska) :** The State of Orissa has suffered a series of natural calamities like cyclone, floods and drought in the past. But the present drought prevailing in many parts of Orissa is one of the worst the State has ever witnessed. The rainfall is conspicuously absent in Ganjam district since last six months. Absence of rainfall has led to the acute scarcity of drinking water in almost all villages in that district. The people are passing their days in great difficulty.

A small number of tubewells have been installed in some identified villages. But there are many unidentified villages in Ganjam and other districts in Orissa which are also facing drinking water problems. It is regrettable that no steps have been taken to provide

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