

built from Kozark to Balighai is to be expanded upto Puri and further extended to Harchandi. The surroundings of Chilka lake are to be developed by good roads and with boat facilities. The total area must be surveyed by the Tourist Department and the developmental work of the area taken up immediately to make these places more attractive for the tourists particularly the international tourists.

[Translation]

(v) Shortage of Fertilisers in Bihar

PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI (Balua) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there has been an acute shortage of fertilisers during the Rabi and Kharif sowing in Bihar for the past 2 to 3 years and it has adversely affected agricultural production in the State. The main reason is that the Barauni unit of the Hindustan Fertilisers supplies fertilisers and it is not meeting its commitment because of low production for some time past. As a result thereof, the Barauni unit is not able to make full E.C. supply to Bihar. For the last three years, there has been a steep fall in the production of fertilisers and its main reason is bad management. So, I would like to suggest that necessary action may be taken to step up production in Barauni by improving the management and by adopting other measures. Until the required improvement is brought about in the working of the Barauni unit, the other companies may be asked to make additional supplies.

Unfortunately, the shortage of power has added to the problem of the fertiliser unit in Bihar. Although a captive power plant has been sanctioned for the Barauni plant, yet work thereon is going on at a snail's pace and it will take at least 2 to 3 years more for its completion. For the completion of the captive power plant, there is need to take certain effective steps on priority basis by way of a time-bound programme.

[English]

(vi) Need for announcing without further delay payment of Second Instalment of Interim Relief to Central Government employees.

SHRI LALIT MAKEN (South Delhi) : The Fourth Pay Commission was set up

in June 1983. About two years have passed, but the report has not been given so far. This has created strong resentment amongst the Central Government employees. The Fourth Pay Commission was set up to remove the disparity of wages between the Public Sector employees and Central Government employees. At present, a Lower Division Clerk of LIC is getting Rs. 450 more than a Lower Division Clerk of Central Government. The Central Government employees are awaiting announcement of second interim relief very eagerly. The Finance Minister should ask the Fourth Pay Commission to announce the second instalment of Interim Relief to defuse the tension and resentment from amongst the Central Government employees.

(vii) Demand for clearance and inclusion in Seventh Five Year Plan of the West Bengal Government's proposal to construct barrage on the Subarnarekha near Bhasraghat in Kesiary.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Narayan Choubey.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : I am coming Sir.

PROF. MAHDU DANDAVATE : You can make your statement from the Treasury Benches.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY (Midnapur) : The people of Midnapore district. West Bengal particularly in blocks Kesiary, Dantan, Mohanpur, Pataspur, Egra, Contai, Belda, Narayangarh etc., suffer from shortage of irrigation facilities. Irrigation facilities in West Bengal as a whole are much less compared to States like Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, etc. The areas mentioned above are even below the average facility of West Bengal. Only 6 to 7 per cent of the land in the above mentioned area secure water from irrigation sources. Agriculture depends wholly on nature which very often betrays the farmers.

To mitigate the difficulty of the farmers, the West Bengal Government had proposed to construct a barrage on the Subarnarekha near Bhasraghat in Kesiary