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[Sh. Birbal]

- Loans should be paid to the identified families without any delay.
- More people should be given loans under IRD programme.
- Loans disbursement procedure should be simplified.
- Unemployed Harijan youths should be given loans on priority basis under the employment scheme.
- (x) Need to send a central team to conduct survey for construction of roads and bridges in Madhya Pradesh for its development

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV (Morena): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Madhya Pradesh is a backward state in India. It consists of mostly hilly areas. Hence area of cultivable land is very less. Due to this, un-employment is prevalent there. There are not much industries and due to there being a large number of rivers, there are hurdles in smooth flow of traffic. Because the number of bridges and roads is very less. Watever roads, are there, their construction is incomplete. Due to all these reasons. Madhya Pradesh is a backward State. Therefore, I would like to make a submission to Government that a Central Team be sent there so that the state could be surveyed and its backwardness could be removed.

(xi) Demand for expediting the Construction work on Nagya Sakiya Dam in Nandgaon Teshii of Maharashtra

[Translation]

SHRI S.S. BHOYE (Malegaon): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Naga-Sakiya dam/project has been sanctioned in order to provide drinking water and to solve the problem of agriculture of the people in drought hit Nandgaon Tehsil of my

constituency. Funds have also been provided which were to the tune of Rs. 1.94 crores in 1986-87. The State Government are also making efforts to provide more funds during the year 1987-88.

The people had struggled a lot for the sanction of this project. But due to the work being run at a snail's pace, the funds of Rs. 1.94 crores provided for the above mentioned year 1986-87 have not been totally spent so far. The people are, therefore, feeling concerned that so many years have since passed, but there has been no notable progress in the work. Will they be fortunate enough to get drinking water, or it will not be available to them at all.

Therefore, I would like to urge the Government of India that it should direct the State Government to complete the work urgently so that the problems of the people could be solved.

[English]

(xii) Need to lay a broad gauge railway line between Bangarpet and Kolar in Karnataka

DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar): significant improvement has been done in the field of railways since independence, particularly Kolar district has got the narrow-gauge line which is very much outdated even though repeated demands for conversion of the gauge have been made. The Kolar district is a drought-prone backward district. The farmers completely depend upon tube wells and whatever they grow with great difficulties, such as potatoes, mangoes, tamarind and chillies. they are unable to transport to the capital. Potato seeds from far off places like Shimla are very difficult to procure due to non-availability of the railway system. The narrow-gauge line which was operating in a very dislocated manner has also stopped due to the so-called financial constraints.