

Rajakkamangalam in Kanyakumari District is the long standing need and necessity of the place Investigations and examinations on the feasibility of the scheme have been conducted by an on the spot study by the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the Port Officer, Tamil Nadu and other concerned authorities and a suitable site also has been identified which is mainly government land previously used for salt manufacture and now defunct and declared unfit and kept waste and thereby this land along with portions of adjoining areas would be adequate and sufficient to meet the requirements of the project could be made available and that too on easy terms without huge compensatory costs Infrastructural facilities and other circumstances are also favourable for its installation Nagercoil railway station and Colachel Port are 10 KM and 6 KM respectively from this place The proposed rail link to Colachel harbour touches this place No new public sector project has been located in Tamil Nadu for the past 15 years Kanyakumari District has been declared as an industrially backward District by the Central Government But not even a single industry either in public sector or private sector is established in this backward isolated distant southernmost part of the country where there is acute problem of unemployment both educated and uneducated Installation of this project would satisfy the longstanding wish anxiety and aspirations of the people of this backward area So Government may be pleased to take speedy steps for the early installation of this project

[Translation]

- (v) **Need to give adequate financial assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to provide relief to the farmers whose crops have been destroyed by heavy rains, hailstorms etc.**

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI (Ghosi) Mr Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of

the House to the following important subject under Rule 377

The recent gales, rains and hailstorms in the whole of northern India resulted in uprooting the trees blockade of roads etc All traffic came to a standstill Foodgrains in the barns and chaff stored by the farmers have been soaked and destroyed on a large scale on account of the sudden rains Many people were killed in various accidents which occurred during these days The worst affected states were Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh In the cities of Kanpur and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, it rained heavily and in some places hailstorms were also there The farmers suffered huge losses in Azamgarh, Ballia and other districts in Eastern Uttar Pradesh The attention of the State Government was drawn but no action has been taken so far The condition of the farmers is very miserable and it is like snatching away the uneaten food lying before a person or like the death of someone's young son I request that the Centre should direct the State Governments to do the needful and also make special financial allocations to enable them to provide relief to farmers in time

[English]

- (vi) **Need to develop Araku valley and other places of tourist attraction in Vizag district of Andhra Pradesh**

SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA (Kakinada) In Vizag District there are a number of tourist centres At present our country needs a lot of foreign exchange Through these tourist centres we can earn a lot of foreign exchange These are all located 50 miles around the Vizag city Everyone is aware of Araku Valley It attracts the foreigners as well as persons from film world But there is no accommodation for them So many people are coming forward to construct hotels etc If the Central Government gives forest land on lease to these persons it would solve the problem