

- (iv) **Demand for a massive master plan for exploring the entire available irrigation potential in the country by channelizing the river waters.**

SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI (Ratnagiri): India is blessed by nature with rich water resources through its major and minor rivers and their tributaries flowing through the length and breadth of its vast areas. Such huger storage of water is ultimately flowing to the sea, without giving any benefit for the betterment of the vast population of India, who is faced every year by droughts and floods. Science and technology is developing very fast, and it is the need of the hour to evolve a massive master plan for exploring the entire available irrigation potential in India by channelising the river waters of India. On account of underground water level going down, it is necessary for us to reduce our dependence on rain waters for food production and other drinking water purposes. It is high time that the Government of India gives topmost priority to the irrigation projects.

- (v) **Demand for removal of encroachments on footpaths in front of the New Delhi Railway Station.**

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balasore): The stretch of road in front of the New Delhi Railway Station is becoming a nightmare for the travelling public. There is very heavy traffic on this stretch of road connecting New Delhi with old Delhi along with the ingoing and outcoming traffic from the New Delhi Railway Station. Due to complete encroachment on the footpaths on both sides of this road, thousands of pedestrians consisting of old men, women and children are forced to walk on the main road zig-zagging through dense traffic at grave risk and also accentuating the traffic congestion. The footpaths on both sides should be cleared of encroachment by the shopkeepers immediately. It is surprising that this encroachment of the footpaths is continuing on such a busy road.

I demand that the higher authorities should visit this spot and clear the footpaths of encroachments completely for the safety of the pedestrians and for smooth movement of traffic without any further delay.

- (vi) **Need to make announcement regarding bonus to Government employees**

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) Bonus is being given to all Central Government employees as *ad hoc* bonus for the last two years. In 1986-87, 23 days' bonus was granted to Central Government employees.

The National Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers have demanded that atleast one month's pay should be granted to all employees as bonus and announcement to that effect be made immediately so that employees could get bonus well before the Pooja festival to meet the abnormal rise in prices.

The confederation has also demanded that Railway, P & T and Defence employees (including MES) should be paid productivity linked bonus equal to the amount of 50 days' pay. For the employees working in Government of India Presses, it has demanded bonus equal to that of other Central Government employees.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government that the demand made by the Confederation may kindly be considered sympathetically and announcement of bonus be made immediately.

- (vii) **Need to provide funds to the Government of J&K to settle the claims of refugees who migrated from Pakistan occupied areas of J&K and from West Pakistan and to persuade the State Government to give them citizenship rights.**

SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA (Jammu): A