

in pay scale of Rs. 1400-2300 without training. The Bharatiya Telecommunication Technicians Union, the sole representative of this cadre, has been agitating against this injustice for the last ten years. The Department appointed four committees, but to no results. The assurances of the Communications Minister given on 7-11-86, 14-3-88, 29-3-88 and 5-5-88 were also not implemented. The employees have started "Work to Rule" from 26 July, 1988. Even though the Union assured that their agitation "Work to Rule" will be peaceful and no untoward incident will take place and it will be on Gandhian path, the Department has directed that the technicians who do not give declaration saying "I will not take part in any agitation" will be debarred. Now communication of the country is paralysed and public is inconvenienced. I request that scales be implemented and normalcy maintained in the country.

[*Translation*]

(v) **Need to ban Cow-slaughter**

SHRI U.H. PATEL (Bulsar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, India is a sacred land on the earth where sages, saints and gods live and the cow is treated as a mother and worshiped accordingly. But it is very unfortunate that even after independence ban on cow-slaughter has not been imposed. Today all the people belonging to various religions and communities like Hindus, Christians, Sikhs and Muslims want a ban on cow slaughter. The cow is the live-stock of the country. In our country, agriculture is based on cows and bullocks. But lakhs of cows are being slaughtered daily in the country.

Gandhiji and the National Congress had also made a demand prior to achievement of independence that there should be a ban on cow-slaughter. Hon. Late Vinoba Bhave had observed fast for this also. A resolution to this effect had been passed in the parliament unanimously in 1978-79.

Our former Prime Minister, late Shrimati Indira Gandhi had also said in 1978-79 that cow-slaughter must be stopped and she too had observed fast in its support. I, therefore, make a strong demand to the Prime Minister and the Government of India that cow-slaughter should be banned im-

mediately through an ordinance and the cow may be declared the National animal of India.

(vi) **Need to provide a bye-pass from Rayanapadu to National Highway No. 9 via Mustabad and Kesarapalli**

[*English*]

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada): Sir, National Highway No. 9 meets National Highway No. 5 at Vijayawada. With seven lakhs population and about three lakhs floating population, Vijayawada is a very big commercial centre in Andhra Pradesh. The passage of heavy motor goods vehicles, i.e. trucks, through Vijayawada from Hyderabad towards Calcutta has become hazardous. Several times traffic jams take place and accidents also occur. I request the Department of Surface Transport to examine the feasibility of having a bypass road from National Highway No. 9 via Rayanapadu Mustabad and Kesarapalli to touch National Highway No. 5 in public interest at the earliest and propose it in the next Plan.

(vii) **Need to resolve the crisis developing in the Institute of Mathematical Science, Madras**

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY (Katwa): The Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMS), Madras, or Matscience, is an institute jointly funded and managed by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) of the Government of India and the Tamil Nadu Government. The growth in the last couple of years has enabled the Institute to emerge as one of the front-ranking institutes of the country in the area of theoretical physics, mathematics and computer science. At a time when there is a great need for such an institute, developments in the last six months have caused much concern. The academic activity has come to a virtual standstill. Many senior scientists have expressed the desire to quit if the Government did not take steps to resolve the situation that has come to prevail.

The Central issue seems to be the prolonged absence abroad of the Institute's Director which has resulted in the total neglect of infrastructural development and proper administration of the Institute. Delegation of authority to manage the Institute has not been done.