

ges under Utkal University and two colleges under Sambalpur University are recognised as Advanced Institute of Education and Comprehensive College of Teachers Education respectively by the University Grants Commission. It is unfortunate that no such training college under Berhampur University has yet been recognised. The area is dominated by Tribals/Harijans and is situated in southern part of Orissa. There is only one Government Training College at Berhampur University. But it has no infrastructure, no building, no playground of its own. There is shortage of even qualified staff in this college.

Kavi Samrat Upendra Bhanj Training College at Bhanjanagar has been established by private initiative. It has adequate infrastructure, highly qualified staff, a nice building and a hostel.

Since education is in the Concurrent List, I would urge upon the UGC and the Central Government to declare the KSUB Training College, Bhanjanagar, which serves mainly the Phoolbani and Ganjam districts which fall in a Scheduled Castes Parliamentary Constituency, as a comprehensive college of teachers education or as advanced institute of education as it has adequate infrastructure.

12.20 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(ii) Need to develop Nanded in Maharashtra as a tourist centre.

SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN (Nanded): Mr. Deputy-Speaker. Sir, the growth and development of tourism in India is hampered to some extent due to non-availability of appropriate accommodation at the right time, the right place and the right cost. Nanded district in Maharashtra is famous for its Gurudwara commemorating Shri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib. People from all over the country and also abroad come to Nanded to have darshan of the Gurudwara. Besides, two important temples—one of Saraswati at Basar, which is very near to Nanded and also the Renuka Devi Temple at Mahur in Kinwat Taluka of Nanded, have been attracting a lot of devotees. The Shiva temple at Aunda Nagnath and Parli Vajinath

which are in the adjoining districts of Nanded are also known to attract a large number of devotees. All the places have remained unexposed to tourists. The ITDC should take some interest and construct some three-star hotels at Nanded. Buses and taxis can be deployed by small entrepreneurs with assistance from banks and tax concessions from the Centre and the State. I would strongly urge upon the Minister of Tourism to bring such historical and cultural places like Nanded on the tourist map of the country, which hitherto had remained unnoticed and develop Nanded as a 'Pilgrim Tourist Centre'.

(iii) Need to study the working conditions of weavers, particularly in Maharashtra.

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the pitiable condition of handloom weavers throughout the country, particularly in Nagpur district of Maharashtra State.

The new Textile Policy has severely affected the handloom industry in the country particularly in Maharashtra State. The Maharashtra Government has been repeatedly urging the Union Government to have a fresh look at the new Textile Policy and provide relief to the handloom weavers. The Union Government has also appointed a Tripartite Committee for the said purpose but the Committee has not submitted its report to the Government so far.

The handloom weavers are not getting the yarn in time. The looms on which the weavers are working are very old and the Government have not undertaken the programme to modernize the looms. There is urgent need to provide relief to the handloom weavers.

I urge the Union Government to send a team to Nagpur and other parts of Maharashtra State to assess the working conditions of handloom weavers and to recommend relief. The Tripartite Committee appointed by the Government should consider the views of the Maharashtra Government before finalizing any change in the New Textile Policy.