

matter. There is a great resentment and I am afraid if no immediate remedial action is taken, the affected people might resort to agitation.

Further, the Delhi Development Authority is also serving notices on thousands of lower middle class people who were long back allotted small plots through the Cooperative Housing Societies, charging Rs. 70 per square metre for peripheral charges. In a very large number of cases, the plot holders have already paid the agreed amount of Rs. 16 per square metre when they constructed their places of shelter. It is not proper for Delhi Development Authority to issue notices to such persons. Moreover, the increase in the amount is more than four times. Such an action on the part of Delhi Development Authority, perhaps, has no parallel. There is a great resentment on this account.

I appeal to the Minister of Urban Development to ask Delhi Development Authority to reconsider these issues. The Delhi Development Authority should defer realization of this unjustified enhancement till it calls for the views of the affected parties.

(vi) Need to lodge a protest to USA and Pakistan with regard to the setting up of a communication base at Gwadar Port in Pakistan

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU (Tumkur): Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, it has been reported that Pakistan Government has allowed U.S. to operate communication base in the strategic important Gwadar Port on the South-West of Pakistan's Makran ranges.

According to the defence news letter in Washington which has quoted that General George Crist, Commander in-Chief of the US Central Command (Centcom) forces in the Persian Gulf, visited Islamabad in June

to look for a forward base headquarters to move command and control from Tampa, Florida to the region. It has also been reported that the Pakistan Government had already granted the Centcom a communications base in Gwadar and a naval port on the Makran coastline in the southwest province of Baluchistan. According to London Observer Service, all Pakistanis will have to seek special permission to visit Makran and the entire coastline is banned to local journalists.

Sir, this is a matter of grave concern and strong protest should be lodged with US and Pakistan Governments for setting up a base in Gwadar Port.

(vii) Need to clear medium and major projects in Orissa to meet drought and floods in the State

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (Dhenkanal): The country is facing the worst drought and famine conditions of the Century, borne out by the fact that only 9 out of 35 Meteorological subdivisions in the country had received adequate rainfall till 15th July, 1987.

There has been further deterioration in the rainfall pattern, resulting in prolonged dry spells. This has affected kharif production, the main income generating crop to farmers and employment generation to unemployed farm labour, etc. This has broken the backbone of the rural economic structure, which account for 82% of our population, apart from affecting National income of which Agriculture contributes more than 62%.

The State of Orissa is very hard hit as it is beset with three calamities i.e. drought, floods and cyclone over a period of 25 years. This has compelled the State Government to divert scarce resources from development needs to granting doles and relief thereby eroding the economic base.