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purchasing jute vigorously, resulting in over-all frustration in the economy of West Bengal.

Unless import of HDP is discouraged or a strict control is maintained to eliminate its purchases, the jute industry will collapse.

Textile Minister should take urgent steps involving the Ministry of Finance, Government of West Bengal, Government of Assam and the Government of Tripura, to take a pragmatic view on the maximum price of raw jute, widen jute purchasing infrastructure of JCI, maximum price of finished goods, financial support of the public financial institutions, negotiation with trade unions about the superannuated people and the HDP production control etc.

The jute industry owners have been taking the cream from the jute units and investing it in other industries for more profit without investing anything back into the jute units for modernisation or improving the health of existing units.

If jute industry dies in Bengal, half of the eastern India's economy will be paralysed. It will strike our economy with severe problem of unemployment and poverty both in rural and urban sectors.

Jute should not be allowed to die like indigo. Therefore, Government should immediately consider as a first course revival of this industry and as a second course to take few units under NJMC and, as the final course, total nationalisation of the industry.

(iv) Need to expedite the proposed T.V. Centre at Singrabli (M P.)

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA (Roberts-ganj): It is a matter of great concern that in spite of categorical assurances given by the Government, T.V. Centre has not been opened at Singroli in Madhya Pradesh to benefit the workers of the industrial belt of district Sidhi in Madhya Pradesh and Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh. So, there is great discontentment among workers and the tribal people living there. It has been brought to the notice that the machinery earmarked for above said proposed centre has been sent somewhere else resulting in non-installation of the T.V. Centre in time. It would not be out of place to mention that norms fixed by the Government for setting up T.V. Centre are applicable here. I therefore, want the Government to set up the proposed T.V. Centre as early as possible for the benefit of the labourers and people living there.

(v) Need to take urgent steps for improving infrastructural facilities to promote tourism at Konark, Puri etc. in Orissa

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): In Orissa, the most attractive centres for international and national tourists are Puri, Konark, Bhubaneswar and Chilika Lake. To promote tourism in Orissa, infrastructural facilities need to be developed The following projects may be immediately taken up:—

Marine drive road needs to be built up from Harichandi to Ramachandi by the side of the beach which passes through Konark and Puri. Now from Ramachandi some work has been done up to Balighai and another 11 miles are to be built up from Balighai to Puri, and this marine drive road is to be extended up to Harichandi, 10 to 12 miles from Puri. Once this is built up, the site will be more attractive, inviting more tourist traffic. Konark also needs to be developed with infrastructural facilities. Goods hotels are needed at Konark to accommodate foreign tourists. At Puri, the town itself needs to be cleaned up and the drainage system to be provided and roads to be brought to modern standard. Water supply of Puri town needs improvement. For maintenance of Puri Temple, more effective steps are needed. At Harichandi, some guest-houses type accommodation is needed to be built up.

Chilika Lake needs more attention to make it more attractive. A bird sanctuary is very much necessary there. The boating travel inside the lake for tourists with luxurious accommodation has not yet been developed. Road condition around Chilika needs improvement.

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(vi) Need to give the status of Regional Office to Meterological Centre, Bhopal.

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN (Bhopal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Meteorological Centre at Bhopal has been a victim of administrative