

Naval Academy at Ezhimala on the northern most part of Kerala. But the work on this project is moving practically at snail's pace and even as per Government estimates is likely to take not less than seven years to be completed.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to retain the Naval Academy at Cochin at least until it can be directly shifted to Ezhimala so that the problems and expenses of an intermediary shifting to Goa and back to Kerala can be avoided.

(iv) Need to locate National Institute of Naturopathy at Nature Cure Hospital, Hyderabad.

SHRI S. M. BHATTAM (Visakhapatnam) : In accordance with the general policy of Government of India to have National Institute for various system of medicines, we request that the National Institute of Naturopathy may be located at the Nature Cure Hospital at Begumpet for the following reasons.

Nature Cure Hospital, Begumpet, Hyderabad has been functioning efficiently since 1949, with a bed strength of 125 which can easily be expanded to 200 beds. The Hospital has been recognised by both Central and State Governments. There is a college with an intake of 30 students every year from all over the country. This was established in 1970 and is affiliated to Osmania University.

The Hospital has an extent of 11.6 acres, most of which is still available for utilisation. There are already 20 buildings available readily. The total value is of the order of Rs. 2/- to Rs. 2.5 crores. Considering this the only Institution of this magnitude with so many infrastructure facilities available in the country, the Central Government in the year 1979 proposed to State Government of Andhra Pradesh for acceptance of the proposal to locate the National Institute. The State Government accepted the same and issued G. O. Ms. No 400 (M&H) (R 2) dated 4th July, 1981.

It is requested that the Government of India may, therefore, revise the decision to locate the National Institute of Naturopathy in favour of Nature Cure Hospital, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

(v) Need to resume the running of Vaigai Pallawan and Sethee expresses train.

SHRI KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli) : Even after a month's time after the floods havoc at Madras, Southern Railway are running only three express trains. The other three fastest Express trains viz. Vaigai, Pallawan and Sethee Expresses are under suspension owing to the delay in reconstruction of line by the Railways. With the new crop season ahead the people of the whole of Tamil Nadu are suffering a lot owing to the suspension of these trains. So, it is a matter of urgent public importance that the Railways should run these trains before the 14th January, the Pongal Day for Tamil Nadu.

[Translation]

(vi) Need to implement Barhiya Mokama Tal Yojana to save Monghyr district fo Bihar from severe floods, drought, erosion, etc.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI (Begu-sarai) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I raise the following matter under Rule 377 :-

"India is affected severely every year by two natural calamities—floods and drought. According to the Irrigation Commission, India on an average loses 1,000 persons and 50,000 cattle heads every year due to devastating floods. About 15 to 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains are also lost. In addition, dams, roads, rail tracks etc. get damaged by floods and thousands of villages are submerged in water, consequently, national loss is increasing every year.

More than 42,50,00,000 acres of land has been lost due to land erosion and 65 lakh acres of land has become barren due to inundation and salinity. In the absence of a proper water policy; the land erosion takes away 6,000 crore tonnes of soil every year. In this connection the situation in Barhiya block of Mongoyr district in Bihar is very critical. Due to erosion by the Ganga water, it is apprehended that thousands of acres of cultivable land, hundreds of villages, schools, colleges and railway line will be submerged under water. I have been drawing the attention of the Government of India