

had given an assurance on the floor of the House to take up the project. But it is regrettable that the proposal has not been implemented so far.

The estimate for Paradeep fishing harbour has been updated from time to time. At present about 500 boats are operating in Paradeep area and these boats are being accommodated temporarily at wooden jetties in a very limited space inside the turning basin of main harbour without any facility. In the absence of fishing harbour facility, the boats are creating problems for the Port Authority. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary that a fishing harbour is set up at Paradeep without any further delay. I request the concerned Ministers to take necessary steps in this regard.

- (vi) Need to declare birthday of Jagajyothi Basaveswara a national holiday and instal his statue in front of Parliament House

SHRI G S. BASAVARAJ (Tumkur): Sir, in the 12th Century, on the auspicious day of Vyshaka Akshaya Thadige, which falls this day, the great Jagajyothi Basaveswara, the socio-economic reformer of this country was born in Karnataka. Under his leadership, he tried to unite the whole nation as one. He was the greatest social, political, economic and philosophical reformer. He did this in a more effective manner than Karl Marx. He created a casteless and classless society in those days. His preachings and lyrics deserve to be followed. He was the first man to organise a Parliament, called as 'Anubhavamantap' wherein every person was free to take part in the debate. He was responsible for the union of the upper and lower classes into one society, irrespective of profession, status, wealth, etc. In addition, he arranged for marriages between the upper and lower classes. As Prime Minister of State, he was a great administrator and he was also simple and humble. He made the people work, earn and eat, i.e., "Work is Worship" (*Kayakave Kylasa*).

Hence, I request our beloved Hon. Prime Minister. Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to take the following action immediately in the interest of developing a better socialistic pattern of society for our country on the lines of what Jagajyothi Basaveswara had thought of :

- (1) His birthday should be observed as a national holiday to perpetuate his preachings to create a more healthy society.
- (2) His statue should be installed in front of the Parliament House to provide inspiration to one and all from his preachings and actions.
- (3) All his writings, together with the writings of other great men and women contemporaries; which are now in Kannada language, should be translated into all the national and world languages and published all over the world to create an atmosphere for every human being of this world to live as one and feel as one.
- (4) His birth place and places of preachings and the places of practices are all to be declared as ancient monuments of our country and thus protected to inspire the minds of the present and future generations.
- (vii) Need to allocate more railway wagons for movement of Steel materials to Coimbatore daily

SHRI N. SOUNDARARAJAN (Sivakashi): Sir, there are about 400 foundries in Coimbatore district in Tamil Nadu. All these foundries are on the verge of closure due to non-availability of pig iron, a raw material, throwing thousands of workers out of jobs at present in Coimbatore.