

[Sh. Ram Punan Patel]

"Jua, chori, mukhbari, byaj, parai nari. Jo chahe didaar ko, itni vastu niwari."

So I request the government that keeping the nation's interest in view, this move of opening casinos at different places should be abandoned.

SHRI BALKAVI BARAGI: Mr. Speaker Sir, now that Kabirdas ji is on stake, you should agree with him.

(ix) Demand for more financial assistance to Rajasthan to meet the drought In the State

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House on this important subject under Rule 377:-

Rajasthan has been facing drought for the last four years. This year's drought is the biggest drought of the century. The western desert area of Rajasthan is most affected by drought. This year out of 38901 villages of the state, 32270 villages, whose population is 2 crores, 62 lakhs and 69 thousands, are drought-affected. 3 crores, 52 lakhs and 45 thousands live-stock of the state are affected by drought.

The Rajasthan government had requested the Central government to allocate Rs. 1023 crores to meet the situation for the term from October 1987 to March 1988 out of which they had demanded Rs. 429.52 crores for giving jobs, Rs. 184.08 crores for materials Rs. 1 crore 80 lakh for tools and plant, Rs. 274 crores, 44 lakh, 60 thousand cattle for protection, Rs. 2 crores, 28 lakh for veterinary care and Rs. 14 crores, 74 lakhs and 80 thousand for providing drinking water.

Barmor, Jodhpur, and Jaisalmer dis-

tricts are the most drought-affected areas. The state government has been able to provide employment to only 10 per cent of the people in these areas, whereas it is essential to provide employment to at least 20 percent of the population.

The Rajasthan government has demanded from the Central government, a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs for rural population Rs. 31.50 crores in the form of grant and Rs. 22.50 crores in the form of loan in order to give 10 kg. wheat in grant, and Rs. 15 per person as loan every month in Jaisalmer, Barmer and Shergarh and Fauladi tehsil of Jodhpur districts, so as to enable them to survive.

So the Central government is requested to grant the total amount of Rs. 1023 crores to the Rajasthan government for the period of November'87 to March'88 and a sum of Rs. 31.50 crores for the most drought affected areas - Barmer and Jaisalmer districts and Shergarh and Fauladi tehsil of Jodhpur district, in the form of wheat - grant, and Rs. 22.50 crores in the form of loan for a period of 10 months to avoid starvation deaths.

[English]

(x) Need to provide a halt of Konark Express at Kespur railway station in Ganjam district of Orissa

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska): Kespur Railway Station in District Ganjam in Orissa is centrally situated. Many traders, tourists, workers, common men in large number travel from this Railway Station. It is situated close to the famous Chilika Lake. Many foreigners also visit this area besides people in large numbers from different parts of the country. The Konark Express running from Bhubaneshwar to Hyderabad should halt at this Railway Station for travelling