

where large number of people are poor, a system of medicine which is cheaper and efficacious as also within the reach of the common man should be available in the rural areas. It is, therefore, necessary that in the interest of the people as well as the country. Ayurveda, which forms the basis for all other systems of medicine should be developed and propagated. There is shortage of Ayurvedic doctors in the Khalilabad area of the Basti district of the eastern Uttar Pradesh where the whole population consists of the poor people. In the absence of this facility, a large number of people are not able to provide proper treatment to the members of their families and thus meet untimely death. I would like to request the Hon. Minister for Health that the Central Government should establish an Ayurvedic College in Khalilabad at the earliest with a view to produce qualified doctors so as to make available their service to the poor.

12.16 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : *in the Chair*]

- (v) Need to expedite work on construction of a new bridge on Mandovi river in Goa

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK (Panaji) : People of Goa are absolutely perturbed over the fact that despite the prompt visit to Goa by the Minister of State for Surface Transport, Shri Rajesh Pilot, upon the collapse of Nehru Bridge on the river Mandovi, in Goa, proposals for the erection of a new bridge are not attended to with seriousness by the concerned departments of the Central Government. It is indeed a matter of regret that the loss and damage that has been caused to Goa on account of the sudden collapse of the bridge and the future damage it is going to cause to its economy is being taken very lightly.

Goans are apprehensive that the tough stand taken by Minister for Surface Transport is melting down.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to expedite the work of construction of new bridge on the river Mandovi without any further delay.

[*Translation*]

- (vi) Demand for fixing the procurement price of Narma cotton at Rs. 700 a quintal

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise a matter of urgent public importance in the House. Last year the price of cotton was Rs. 450 per quintal which has now fallen to between Rs. 370-380. The farmer has produced 'narma' quality of cotton by using quality seeds, costly insecticides and fertilisers and by putting in hard labour but he is not getting remunerative prices therefor. The crop of 'narma' cotton has reached the market. If the Government does not pay attention towards this, the economic condition of the farmers will deteriorate.

I would, therefore, firmly submit to the Hon. Minister that the rate fixed for 'narma' quality of cotton is less. The rate should be fixed at Rs. 700 per quintal so that the farmers may get remunerative price of their produce. The farmer is the backbone of the economy of the country. There should be a discussion on this subject in the House and the C.C.I. should be instructed to purchase cotton on the fixed price from the markets in cotton areas wherever they exist and the cotton which is to be exported should be lifted at the earliest so that the farmer gets the benefit in time.

[*English*]

- (vii) Demand for underground metro rail system in big cities to solve the traffic congestion problem

DR. S. VIJAYA RAMA RAO (Siddipet) : The growing population and increasing number of vehicles in Metropolitan cities and other big cities like Hyderabad, has created alarming congestion for the road traffic movements. The number of road accidents has been increasing day-by-day. Due to the traffic congestion on roads in big cities, a lot of inconvenience is being caused to the public. It is, therefore, essential that underground metro railway system should be provided in such cities for quick movements of the travelling public and to remove congestion

of traffic on the roads. The introduction of this system will also have its impact on the development of the national economy. I, therefore, urge the Government to take early steps to provide underground metro rail system in big cities like Bombay, Hyderabad, Madras and Delhi.

- (viii) Demand for looking into grievances of the Marathi-speaking people residing in Karnataka-Maharashtra border area

DR. DATTA SAMANT (Bombay South Central) : Ten Lakh Marathi speaking people are staying at Belgum, Nipani, Karwar, Khanapur at Karnataka-Maharashtra Border and they are attached to Maharashtra in their living habits, religion, language etc. They are forming a big majority of about 75 per cent of the total population of this area and at many places like Nipani, Khanapur, it is more than 90 per cent.

Mahajan Commission was appointed without any terms of reference at the time of State reorganisation and this area was wrongly included in Karnataka and similarly about two hundred villages which are having Kannada speaking majority were kept in Maharashtra. Marathi speaking people from Border area are having three days dharna at Boat Club from 5th November, 1986.

The Karnataka Government passed a resolution in the Assembly in 1982 making Kannada language compulsory from the 1st Standard in Non-Kannada Schools. Hundred per cent Marathi speaking school teachers were appointed to teach Kannada language. Because of this Kannada teaching, about five hundred Marathi schools were closed for four months.

The Government have already agreed that the recommendations of Mahajan Commission are not final. Further, Central Government has left this issue to the Chief Ministers of both States. Series of meetings took place between the two Chief Ministers but both the Chief Ministers are bound by the decisions taken by their respective Assemblies unanimously and therefore I urge upon the Prime Minister that this issue will not be solved without interference of the Central Government.

I also urge upon Prime Minister that the well-known principles for State reorganisation like simple majority of villages, continuity of the border may be applied to this area.

- (ix) Demand for examining telecasting of a distorted projection of personal life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in a Doordarshan Serial 'Raj Se Swaraj'

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN (Cooch Behar) : The entire nation has lowered down her head in shame for the reprehensibly derogatory manner in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been recently depicted in a Doordarshan serial, 'Raj Se Swaraj'. People all over India representing almost all walks of life have expressed their resentment against this untrue distorted projection of personal life of Netaji Subhas Bose. Along with hundreds of ex-INA soldiers, Capt. Shrimati Lakshmi Sehgal (Swaminathan) of Azad Hind Fouz has raised a vehement protest against such a filming. Proper investigation regarding how and which way this particular film was produced and projected, should be made. Government should examine as to how and on whose clearance, Doordarshan exhibited it, and should place the report before Parliament. The responsibility for this should be fixed, and the offender be punished suitably. The whole system of Doordarshan exhibition appears to be faulty. It should, therefore, be recast, for ensuring proper check-up at a higher political level.

[Translation]

- (x) Demand for ensuring a remunerative price of cotton for the benefit of cotton growers

SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI (Bhatinda) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the condition of the cotton-growers in the country today particularly those of Muktsar, Abohar, Fazilka, Bhatinda, Bareta, Rampura Phool has become pitiable and consequently they have become hapless. The farmers have increased their cotton produce through hard work and proper planning as compared to that during the previous years in spite of the recent drought and excess rains. The Government have also recently announced the increase in the support price