

State. For 2000 years or more they have been treated as if they were sub-human and today their position has hardly improved. I speak with special reference to a place called Mananthody in Cannanore constituency in Kerala as I have personally seen the situation there.

Isolated as it is by reason of its geographic situation—it is a solely tribal assembly constituency which still retains the age old customs of untouchability and superstitions. The stark poverty, stickness and ignorance among the tribals here cannot be overcome overnight. Lack of medical and educational facilities and even of basic necessities like pure drinking water and sanitation are all apparent in this region.

Much needs to be done and the first step must be to ensure proper implementation of Government programmes for development of tribals to monitor the financial allocation for this purpose and to follow up progress.

I therefore call upon the government to appoint an effective body for this purpose

- (v) Need to take immediate steps to supply special medicines to Tamil Nadu to check the incidence of Encephalitis.

SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY (Coimbatore): Sir, it has been reported in the press that the incidence of brain-fever, that is, encephalitis, is very much on the increase in Tamil Nadu. The State Government and the people of Tamil Nadu are very anxious and worried over this dreadful disease. It has also been reported that more than 185 deaths have occurred so far due to brain fever in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Madras city, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tirunelveli districts. The patients are finding it extremely difficult to get proper medicine for this dangerous fever from the hospitals as also from the market.

It is therefore requested that the Centre should take immediate step to despatch special medicines to Tamil Nadu to combat this dangerous disease on a war footing before the present alarming situation goes out of control.

- (vi) Need to allot sufficient funds for Executing pedaballi and dorigallu projects in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Hindupur): Kadiri Taluk in Anantapur District in Andhra Pradesh is a chronically famine affected area with no irrigation facilities.

Tanks and wells were providing water for irrigation. In the current decade no tank has received water and all the wells have dried up and hence agriculturists, labour, artisans, service sections and other people living in villages have hopelessly been thrown out of work and they are facing miserable situation.

In this taluk two medium projects one at Dorigallu and the other at Pedaballi were contemplated to be constructed so that they may irrigate 30 to 40 thousand acres. Investigation with regard to Dongallu project been completed long time back and the project which is very useful to this area could not be constructed for lack of funds with the State Government.

Pedaballi project is being kept in the cold storage for the past ten years. Funds sanctioned by the World Bank about five or six years back could not be utilised. State Government is constrained to take up construction of this project for want of funds.

The Central Government may take a compassionate view of this chronic drought prone area and the hopless people and allot sufficient funds for the construction of these two projects.

- (vii) Need to consult the teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya at the time of their pay revision.

DR. SUDHIR ROY (Burdwan): As per newspaper reports the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has decided to resort to agitation, if their pay scales are not immediately revised in accordance with the recommendations of the Chattopadhyaya Commission whose report is under study by the Empowered Committee. Hon'ble Minister's reply to