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nomically and socially backward areas like Kalahandi, in the State of Orissa and Chhatisgarh area in Madhya Pradesh to remove regional imbalance which is the main thrust of socialism.

(xii) Need to set up a T.V. Transmitter at Bhadrak (Orissa)

SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI
(Bhadrak): Sir, Bhadrak is a fast growing industrial town in Orissa having a population of more than one lakh. It is a major sub-divisional headquarter mostly inhabited by Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and backward class people.

Bhadrak is 100 kms. and 80 kms. away from Cuttack and Balasore respectively where TV transmitting facilities are available presently. Because of the distance, neither Cuttack nor the 100 power transmitter at Balasore is catering to the needs of Bhadrak. Because of this, the public resentment and discontentment has been mounting up rapidly.

I am taking this opportunity to urge upon the Information and Broadcasting Minister through the House to give urgent attention to the matter.

At least, a low power transmitter should be established at Bhadrak during this financial year 1988-89.

I am sure, this transmitter will not only be beneficial to the people of Bhadrak but also it will fulfil the long standing aspiration of more than 6 lakh people of nearby adjoining areas.

As a result, a national link also can be established with a vast number of backward and underdeveloped people in this corner of the country.

(xiii) Need to issue postage stamps in the memory of Shahid Khudiram Bose and Prafulla Kumar Chaki

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE
(Jadavpur): Sir, Shahid Khudiram Bose and Chaki Prafulla Kumar alias Dinesh Chandra Ray were born during 1889. Both were eminent freedom fighters. This is their birth centenary year. I suggest that the Government should issue a postal stamp to commemorate the birth centenary of these great sons of India.

(xiv) Need to impress upon the Government of New Zealand not to entertain the English Cricket team in view of certain players having South African Connection

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHRY
(Katwa): Sir, on December 7, 1988, the very day the Indian Parliamentarians were observing the 40th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights and rededicating themselves in particular to the fight against apartheid, the supporters of apartheid were throwing a new challenge. As though to mock at the people and Government of India and all those valiant fighters against apartheid, the New Zealand Cricket Council (NZCC) has invited the English Cricket team, to tour the country. This act on the part of the NZCC is most insulting and outrageous, especially since the New Zealand Cricket team is currently touring India.

It may be pointed out that "The Prevention of Apartheid in Sports Bill, 1988" introduced in the Rajya Sabha on December 7 described apartheid as "a system of institutionalised racial segregation and discrimination for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons, and systematically oppressing them such as that pursued by South Africa." Also the 40th Session of the UN General Assembly had approved and adopted the International Convention against Apartheid in sports and had appealed to member-