

[Shri K. Ramamurthy]

manufacturing and testing of all nuclear weapons and ultimately to achieve 'Complete Disarmament' in the whole world.

(vi) Sufficient funds needed for early completion of new Railway line from Mankhurda to Belapur

SHRI S. G. GHOLAP (Thane) : It is a fact that Bombay is overcrowded and therefore unless New Bombay is developed newcomers cannot be accommodated. The Prime Minister has also said that new cities should be created round about old cities. New Bombay is coming up but there is no Railway line and therefore it is quite essential to complete the Railway line earlier. There is already a proposal to have a Railway line from Mankhurda to Belapur. But it is a fact that a very small provision is made in the Budget. It is the urgent need of the time that more funds should be provided to complete the same railway line. Therefore steps should be taken by the Central Government to provide more funds for the said line from Mankhurda to Belapur.

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Rajhans. You can afterwards continue and have your say.

(vii) Boosting the exports of Madhubani Paintings to U.S.A, Canada, France etc. and also to promote export of other handicrafts of Mithila region.

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : There is a tremendous possibility for the export of non-traditional items from North Bihar, particularly Mithila region. At one time Madhubani painting was very popular in foreign countries, particularly in the U.S.A, Canada and France and it earned handsome foreign exchange also. But gradually its export declined substantially. As a result, this art is virtually dying in the region of its origin, that is, Mithila. It is, therefore, requested that the Commerce Ministry should make fresh efforts to boost the export of Madhubani paintings in the above countries. In this connection effort should be made to exhibit Madhu-

bani paintings in Bharat Mela at present being held in the U.S.A. and France. At the same time, efforts should also be made to promote the export of handicrafts of Mithila which had attracted the attention of the foreigners in the past. There is also a good deal of scope to export either mangoes or mango pulp to gulf countries from this region. It is requested that the Commerce Ministry should explore this possibility also

12.22 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS  
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[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The House will now continue discussion on Supplementary Demands for Grants. Dr. Rajhans, you have to carry on. That is what I said. You do not have to take the trouble of sitting and again getting up.

[Translation]

DR. G.S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I was saying yesterday, there should be monitoring of the funds which the Government provided to the States. It has been stated at page 4 of the Supplementary Demands for Grants that—

[English]

Budget includes Rs. 400 crores for the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. As a result of post-Budget decision, additional funds to the extent of Rs. 100 crores for construction of houses for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes will be provided to State Governments under the programme. It has also been decided to release additional amount of Rs. 110.34 crores to the State Governments for distribution of foodgrains at subsidised rates under the programme during the