

cides. The Central and the State Governments both are indifferent to it.

12.11 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the chair*]

So I urge the Central Government to make arrangements for the serial spray of insecticides in Ganganagar district urgently and full subsidy should be given to the farmers. Most of the expenditure should be borne by the Central as well as the State Government.

[English]

(iv) Need for reduction in the import of edible oil

SHRI VIJAY N PATIL (Erandol): The import of edible oil has been increasing every year for the last ten years, due to growing demand and shortage of its supply. While the demand is growing due to increase in population, the domestic oilseeds production has shown no worthwhile improvement. The higher imports are also on account of allotment of imported edible oil to the vanaspati industry and the public distribution system.

The country cannot afford to spend Rs. 1,000 crores in foreign exchange to meet its edible oil requirements in view of acute shortage in foreign exchange balances. Further, imports have to be restricted, to save the country's oilseeds economy and farmers' interest. Steps must be taken to curtail supply of edible oil, with subsidy given to the public distribution system. There is a strong need for the vanaspati industry to use non-conventional oils like cottonseed oil, rice bran oil and other oils. I urge upon the Minister to take immediate steps.

[Translation]

(v) Demand to connect Agra with other parts of the country by more trains and to increase reservation quota etc.

SHRI NIHAR SINGH JAIN (Agra): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, everyone knows that

Agra is a famous tourist resort because of Tajmahal and other historical monuments and different commercial potentialities 67 percent (nearly 10 lakh) of the total foreign tourists visiting India and lakhs of domestic tourist visit Agra every year, but as compared to large number of tourists, the facilities provided by the railway department are negligible. So, I would like to submit to the Ministry of Railways that they should try to provide following facilities:—

1. A train should be started from Agra for Allahabad High Court which should reach Allahabad in the morning.
2. Agra should be linked directly with the main cities of South India like Bangalore etc.
3. There is great inconvenience owing to the limited berths for reservation at Agra, in the two trains -- Ganga-Yamuna and Avadh Express, which runs from Mathura and Ratlam to Lucknow via Agra. Reservation quota for 2nd class should be increased and one AC sleeper should also be attached.
4. A stoppage should be provided to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Express at Agra to provide facility to the tourism.
5. Reservation facility should be provided from Agra, Mathura and Bharatpur in Frontier mail and Delux from Agra to Bombay.
6. Facilities should be provided to daily passengers from Agra to Gwalior to travel in the morning.
7. Until a direct train starts from Agra to Howrah, reservation quota should be increased for passengers of Agra in all the main trains going to eastern parts of India from Tundla.