

ment among the younger generation for their future employment. At present the programme is not being vigorously implemented because of financial constraints. The Government of India has not yet released the funds meant for this programme and as such the progress is thwarted.

In the State of Rajasthan a large number of files of young entrepreneurs have been prepared under this programme by the district industry centres but the educated youth are not getting loans because of shortage of funds. I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to release funds immediately under this scheme so that the States of the Union may go ahead vigorously in implementing this programme.

[*Translation*]

(iii) **Need to provide alternative site for rehabilitation of adivasis of Bastar district**

SHRI MANKURAM SODI (Bastar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, nearly 56 adivasi villages come under Chhutaru Sanctuary area in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh and it is proposed to get these villages vacated. They have been asked to vacate the villages but no alternative place for rehabilitation has been provided. The villagers should not be forced to vacate their villages till alternative sites have been selected as it would cause a lot of distress to them. With a view to force them to vacate the villages, the forest department does not process their cases of compensation in case their cattle are killed by tigers and also the schemes regarding supply of potable water, construction of rural roads, ponds and I.R.D. programmes are not being taken up.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to issue directions to the State Government to provide alternative site urgently for rehabilitating these adivasi's so that they are relieved of this difficult problem and enjoy the benefit of development works like others.

[*English*]

(iv) **Need to immediately send a team of doctors with anti-T.B. medicines to Tonk in Rajasthan to cope with the situation caused by spread of T.B. there**

SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA (Tonk) : The city of Tonk in Rajasthan is the most backward area of the district. Unemployment, poverty, uncleanness and lack of nutrition coupled with the menace of mosquitoes have created multifarious problems for the people of this city. Consequently, the disease of T.B. is very much prevalent in this area. The Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Tonk Government Hospital has recently given a press statement to the effect that 30% population of Tonk is suffering from T.B. This disease is particularly visible in the families of minority communities who are living a miserable life in the absence of basic necessities. This disease is also covering the adjacent villages of Tonk and is likely to spread further. It is, therefore, necessary that a central team of doctors is sent immediately to Tonk along with anti-T.B. medicines.

(v) **Demand for a Sports Complex at Cannanore in Kerala**

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore) : The district of Cannanore in Kerala has a rich heritage in the field of sports and games. Kerala in general and Cannanore in particular has always produced outstanding sportsmen of international repute.

Players like Arjun award winner Mr. Jimmy George who is acclaimed as one of the 10 best players of volely ball in the world, Olympians like Miss M. D. Va'samma and umpteen heroes of football and hockey, all hail from Cannanore. Cannanore is the Mecca of Kerala football. Miss P. T. Usha, the pride of our nation at the Olympics was first initiated into the field of Sports at Cannanore.

[Shri Mullappally Ramachandran]

Besides its sportsmen and sports fans Cannanore also has a most befitting topography with easy access to all modes of transport which include the Mangalore airport about 2½ hours drive from here.

Further, Cannanore does not suffer from want of sufficient space suited for any sports and games activities.

Keeping in view the above facts, Cannanore is an ideal place for the location of a sports complex in Kerala. Permitting the Sports Complex to be founded at Cannanore will be a befitting and highly deserving recognition given to the rich talent of this place.

I request the hon. Prime Minister to take necessary steps to set up a Sports Complex at Cannanore in Kerala.

[Translation]

- (vi) Need to provide financial assistance and drip irrigation facilities and bore-wells to farmers of Karnataka to save coconut and arecanut crops

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SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU (Tumkur): Tumkur and other places like Tipur, Chikkanayakanhalli, Turuvekere, Gubbi, Sira, Hasnan Channarayapatna, Arasikere, Kadur, Chikkamagalur, Bengalore, Chennapatna, Hiriyur, Hosadurga, etc. in Karnataka grow coconut and arecanut abundantly. Arecanut and coconut are the main cash crops in the above said areas and many farmers are fully depending upon these crops. From these areas arecanuts and coconut are sent to all parts of the country. But unfortunately as there was not sufficient rain in these areas the farmers are distraught. The production of arecanut and coconut has declined by 75%. This year also there is no rain in these areas and the crops have withered away. Therefore, the Central Government should come

forward to provide facilities for drip irrigation and bore wells to the farmers. If such new schemes of irrigation are not taken up for implementation immediately I am sure that the cultivation of arecanut and coconut would cease. All kinds of subsidy and loans should be granted to these farmers. Each farmer should get at least five thousand rupees per acre.

Therefore I request the hon. Minister to sanction at least one hundred crores of rupees for this purpose, and save the farmers from becoming extinct.

[English]

- (vii) Demand for reduction in recently enhanced air fare between Agartala and Calcutta and to develop infra-structural facilities for development of the State

SHRI AJOY BISWAS (Tripura West): People, irrespective of party affiliations, and the Government of Tripura, have been pleading for years for better Railway communications, Telecommunications facilities and more industries for providing employment to people in Tripura. The State is a flood prone area and every year a large number of people fall victim to catastrophic floods which submerge all major roads, dislocating the entire transport system in the State. The only other means of travel—by air—has become 14.5% more expensive recently and thus has become a prohibitive means for commoners. Moreover, computerised booking system resulted in trouble in obtaining confirmed air tickets. The flights are limited for a large number of passengers daily. There is a single Boeing flight to Calcutta and that is not able to cope with the heavy rush of the passengers' demands. The nearest railway station, Dharmanagar, is 200 kms. away from the capital city of Agartala. Similarly, the telecommunications system has remained unchanged. The State Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution, during the Budget session demanding subsidy @ 25% for the increased air fare or

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