

SHRI GANGA RAM (Firozabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the problem of environmental pollution is taking a dreadful shape in Agra and Firozabad. Primarily, smoke emission from the nearby Mathura refinery is responsible for this pollution in addition to dirt and filth prevalent in the city. Environment is also affected by the shoe factories running in nearly all homes in Agra. Similarly, the environment of Firozabad city is getting polluted from the smoke emitted by the glass factories running there. Pollution has thus badly affected life in Agra and Firozabad. The Central Government should therefore conduct surveys in these cities and formulate effective schemes for checking pollution there and implement them for the welfare of people.

12.27 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(ii) **Demand for railway bridge over Saryu river at Tanda-Kalwarighat**

SHRI R.P. SUMAN (Akbarpur): A highlevel bridge costing Rs. 13,41,25,000 is going to be constructed on Saryu river between Tanda and Thermal Power Project on Lumbini Dhudhi Road which is State Highway No. 5 connecting the two districts of Faizabad and Basti in Uttar Pradesh. Lumbini Dhudhi State Highway also connects *Tarai* regions of Nepal to Varanasi, Jaunpur, Allahabad and Mirzapur cities besides the industrial and mineral belt of Mirzapur. With the construction of this bridge Gorakhpur and Basti will be connected to Azamgarh, Sultanpur and Pratapgarh districts in addition to the above mentioned areas. The bridge shall be playing an important role in the development of this region. It would not only help in smooth flow of heavy vehicular traffic between Tanda and Basti throughout the year but also save time and fuel.

If a railway bridge is also constructed along with this bridge for the all round development of the region it would connect Gorakhpur and Basti to Allahabad and other parts of the country. A 440 MW Thermal Power Project adjacent to the bridge is under construction. Besides, Tanda is an industrial town with large number of weavers. The *jamdani* of Tanda among other things like lungis, towels and Sarees is famous. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary to connect Tanda city by rail because the goods produced by weavers have to be sent to all parts of the country and abroad. Therefore, I request the Central Government to sanction a railway bridge on priority basis together with the approved Tanda Kalwarighat bridge.

[*English*]

(iii) **Demand for measures to solve the unemployment problem**

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (Jadavpur): The biggest problem before our country today is the terrible unemployment problem. The number of the educated unemployed is over two crores, and the number of uneducated unemployed is beyond all calculations. Therefore, for solving the unemployment problem, a joint effort of the Central Government and the State Governments is necessary. I request the Government to constitute a Parliamentary Committee for solving the terrible unemployment problem, and to take appropriate measures for early solution of the problem, after reviewing the whole situation, so that this unemployment problem may not lead our young men to a wrong path in the days to come. At the same time, I urge upon the Government to immediately discontinue the system of taking application fees from those applying for jobs. There are many unemployed young men who are unable to apply for jobs, although they have the required qualifications, as they are unable to pay the

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application fee. This system of asking for postal orders or applications fees should, therefore, be immediately discontinued, to help the poor young men. This will bring some solace and mental peace to the unemployed young men suffering from the pangs of unemployment, and will enable them to apply for jobs freely.

[*Translation*]

(iv) **Demand for restarting the Chilhati Cement Factory, Bilaspur**

DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA (Janjgir): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, for meeting the continuously rising demand of cement in the country production capacity is being augmented. Many cement factories have been set up in the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh. The private sector cement plants are running efficiently but the proposed Chilhati Cement plant in Bilaspur district which was to be run by SAIL many years ago is still pending. Thousands of acres of land was acquired but it is lying waste. As per the earlier decision the Chilhati Cement Plant was to be handed over to CCI but till date nothing has happened. The people of this predominantly Harijan and backward area had great expectations regarding the development of the area as a result of the setting up of the Chilhati Cement Plant. I therefore, urge the Ministry of Industry to immediately commission the Chilhati Cement Plant.

(v) **Demand for implementing the schemes for rural electrification in Ganjam district of Orissa**

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska): Central Government has laid stress on rural electrification, and different schemes to be implemented in the States are also funded

by it. Villages under Kokalaba, Tarasing Gereda and other gram panchayats in Ganjam district, Orissa are mostly inhabited by Adivasis, Harijans and small farmers. A survey has disclosed that there is sufficient under-ground water available in this area. But, for want of electricity there could be no lift irrigation. The people of this area have been demanding electrification for many years, but the schemes already prepared are not being implemented to the full extent, and some other schemes yet remain to be implemented. It is high time that under the rural electrification schemes, the Union Government takes immediate action for electrification of this area.

(vi) **Demand for a direct train from Bangalore to Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar via Gorakhpur and Lucknow**

SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER (Bangalore South): At present, there is no direct train facility from Bangalore to eastern U.P. and Bihar. There are a number of passengers who have been travelling to Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh daily from Bangalore, particularly to Lucknow. They are finding it extremely difficult to travel from Bangalore to these places, as there is no direct service. They have to break journey at some junction at odd hours, to catch another train. There are no reservations in the connecting trains.

I, therefore, request the Government to introduce a direct express train from Bangalore to eastern U.P. and Bihar via Gorakhpur-Lucknow, either via Secunderabad or Renigunta-Jolarpettai.

[*Translation*]

(vii) **Demand for a T.V. Relay Centre at Sapshringi and Ankal areas of Nasik (district of Maharashtra)**

SHRI S.S. BHOYE (Malegan): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have raised the mat-