

(ii) Need to Provide Financial Assistance to drought affected People of Warangal District, Andhra Pradesh

[English]

SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY (Warangal): Sir, last year Telengana Region in Andhra Pradesh was very badly affected by the unprecedented drought conditions. My constituency, Warangal district being part of the region suffered most on this account. This year also the conditions are no better. There are no rains with the result that the agricultural operation like paddy cultivation has come to standstill. There is an acute shortage of fodder for the cattle which has resulted in migration of cattle to other districts. The ground water level has come down considerably and is almost the lowest in the recent years. The depletion of ground water level has resulted in drying up of open wells as well as bore-wells and this has caused acute shortage of drinking water and the problem has become unmanageable. The ad hoc amount sanctioned by the State Government is insufficient.

I would, therefore, request that the Union Government may urgently depute a team to Telengana region and particularly to Warangal district to assess the havoc and damage caused by the unprecedented drought and the extent of the Central assistance needed to tackle the situation. I would also request that the Government may sanction a sizeable amount (say Rs. 25-30 crores) out of the Natural Calamities Fund to Andhra Pradesh Government for taking relief measures to mitigate the sufferings of the people of drought affected areas of telengana region particularly Warangal district.

(iii) Need to upgrade J.K. Cancer Institute, Kanpur into Regional Cancer Institute

[Translation]

SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA (Kanpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the growing fury of Cancer and failure in controlling this fatal disease so far is well-known. In India, a large number of people are dying of this disease but facilities for its need based treatment are not available. Treatment of this disease is also very costly which the poor people of our country are unable to afford. In making efforts to treat this disease people not only lose their beloved ones but also become bankrupt. In a poor

country like India it is necessary that all facilities for the treatment of this disease should be made available by the government and proper medical facilities for this disease are required to be made available at district centres also. Rural and Urban people living in Districts of Kanpur, Etawa, Mainpuri, Agra, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur and Unnao districts are habitual users of tobacco and a large number of people are suffering from mouth, lips and throat cancer in these areas, but there is no proper arrangement for its timely diagnosis and treatment. There is a cancer hospital in Kanpur but it lacks modern equipments. In addition a scheme for its upgradation to a Regional Cancer Institute has been pending since long and consequently the public is facing several difficulties on this account.

I, therefore, request the Government to immediately accord the status of Regional Cancer Institute to the J. K. Cancer Institute at Kanpur. It should be equipped with modern equipments as well as cancer specialists so that poor cancer patients from the neighbouring districts could get the facility of timely diagnosis and treatment.

(iv) Need to set up Sugar mills at Nawabganj and Meerganj, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have demanded several times in the past that sugar mills be set up at Nawabganj and Meerganj in Bareilly district. This is the primary need of the farmers of this region. The main crop of the farmers is sugarcane and at present only 1/3 of the total sugarcane production is being accepted by the existing sugar mills and as a result the farmers are facing great economic hardship. Keeping in view the need of this region the Uttar Pradesh Government had finally recommended for setting up of sugar mills at various places, which also include these two places (Nawabganj and Meerganj) of Bareilly.

I urge upon the Government to set up sugar mills at both the places keeping in view the requirement of this area.

(v) Need to set up a Silka Sand based Industry at Shankargarh in Allahabad Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY (Allahabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Shankargarh area of