

12.35 hours.

(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*)

The drought situation is much severe in the Adivasi areas. My submission to the Centre Government is that the State Government should be given more grant as special assistance and the State Government should be asked to increase the number of the workers in the Adivasi areas. The drought relief work should be started in the panchayats, where they are going for name-sake and more labourers should be deployed. There is a severe problem of drinking water so more and more hand pumps should be installed. Likewise, in each panchayat headquarters the fodder depots for animals should be opened. The wages of the labourers should be increased to stop their migration from Rajasthan.

(iii) *Need to set up a Heavy Industry at Saharsa in Bihar*

SHRI SURYANARAYAN YADAV (Saharsa) : Sir, Saharsa and Sapaul districts in Northern Bihar are the most backward districts. Though Saharsa is in commissioner area the Central Government has not set up any industry here, till date and as a result both the Saharsa and Sapaul districts have not made any progress. Besides the educated persons from this area have to go to other districts and other States in search of employment.

Therefore, my submission to the Centre Government is that a heavy industry should be set up in Saharsa so that the poor may not have to run for jobs elsewhere and this district can make all around development.

(iv) *Need for construction of an overbridge Across Railway Line at Mandi Samiti Sthal in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh.*

DR. P.R. GANGWAR (Pilibhit) : Sir, my constituency, Pilibhit (Uttar Pradesh) is badly affected by terrorism. There are six sugar mills, some oil extracting mills and many rice mills. Thousands of trucks and bullock carts pass from here every day. Being a forest area, there are lot of trucks carrying timber throughout the day. Moreover, as the Nepal border is close to this area the military movement is continuous.

There are two main railway tracks. One is from Lucknow to Bareilly and the other is Lucknow to Nainital and there are two branch railway lines from Pilibhit to Tanakpur and Pilibhit to Shahajahanpur. 24 trains run on main lines and 20 trains run on branch lines. Apart from that a number of goods train run here round the clock. Most of the trains run in day time while during that period there is lot of road traffic. The railway crossing on the main road (which connects Delhi, Lucknow, Nainital, Bareilly, Moradabad, Tanakpur and Shahajahanpur) remains closed for a considerable period in the day. The long queue and motorcars result in heavy traffic jam. The people have to face lot of problems. My submission to the Government is that an overbridge across the railway line at Mandi Samiti Sthal at Pilibhit should be constructed at the earliest to solve the difficulties of the people of the area.

[English]

(v) *Need to clear the Proposal of the Government of Rajasthan for Declaration for certain State Roads as National Highways*

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE

(JHALAWAR): Rajasthan is the second largest State in the country having an area of 3,34,239 sq. kms whereas the total length of National Highways in that State is only 2,891 kms. When the national average of National Highways is 9.43, the average length of National Highways in the State of Rajasthan is 1,000 sq. kms. In view of the geographical location of Rajasthan, it is very necessary to declare some important State roads as National Highways.

The Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal before the Government to declare some State roads passing through Rajasthan as National Highways. Some of these important roads, include Bikaner-Merta-Ajmer-Bhilwara-Chittorgarh-Ratlam-Indore connecting National Highways Nos. 15 and 3, the length of which is 507 kms, which may be declared as National Highways. Similarly the road between Gurgaon and Shivpuri via Alwar, Sariska, Dausa and Sawai Madhopur, the road between Koshi and Dholpur via Kama, Deog, Bharatpur, Roopwas and Sapau may be considered for inclusion as National Highways during the Eighth Plan period.

The above State roads are very important. The declaration of these roads as National Highways will go a long way in development of the State. As these are some of the long pending demands of the State, I urge the Central Government to consider these demands without any further delay.

(vi) Need for Requisite Financial and other Assistance to Acharya Harihar Regional Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment Society of Orissa

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY

(PURI): Acharya Harihar Regional Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment Society of Orissa is one of the ten Regional Cancer Centres approved by the Government of India. The institution is at present having hundred and 30 bedded hospital exclusively meant for cancer patients with well trained faculty consisting of specialists from different oncological disciplines. There are facilities for higher education in related disciplines. The Society is also actively engaged in the preventive aspects with regular imparting of cancer education and organisation of detection camps.

This Centre caters to the need of about 35 million people covering the whole of Orissa, as well as neighbouring areas of adjoining States viz West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Hence, this institution needs further improvement *vis-a-vis* the infrastructural facilities for better treatment and research. Besides there is also an upward train in the incidence of cancer in Orissa.

The meagre amount received as grant in aid from the State Government of Orissa is hardly sufficient to meet the requisite expenses. The State Government have agreed to allocate more thirty acres of land for its improvement. A request has also been made by the State Government to the Union Government, for provision of one time grant of rupees sixty crore for its overall development.

I urge upon the Government of India for allocation of the required fund and provision of the necessary assistance for the development of the institution.