

Therefore, the Central Government is requested to declare this road as a national highway and provide funds for this work in this financial year itself in order to provide relief to the people.

(v) Need to Ensure That The Proposed Development Council Being Set up in Western Orissa Focus on Equitable Economic Development of The Area

[English]

SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK (Bolangir) : Sir, we congratulate the hon. Prime Minister for his directives to the Government of Orissa to set up a Development Council for expeditious development in Western part of Orissa. This will, no doubt, usher a new era of prosperity, a hope for the suffering masses and downtrodden people of Orissa. The proposed Development Council should focus on equitable economic development and equal distribution of resources and all-round development of the underdeveloped areas.

(vi) Need to Start Vayudoot Service from Dehradun, Uttar Pradesh

[Translation]

MAJ. GEN. (RETD) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI (Garhwal) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Vayudoot service to Dehradun was discontinued about one and a half year back as a result of which not only the people of this area are facing difficulties but it is causing a great loss to the tourism also.

There are a large number of big Government establishments and tourist spots in Dehradun and Mussoorie. There are very famous tourist spots like Badrinath, Gangotri, Jammunotri, Hem Kund Sahed and Valley of Flowers etc in that region and a large number of tourists including foreign tourists come to visit these places.

In the absence of air service, the tourists inflow is decreasing and heavy loss is being caused to tourism. The officers of Dehradun and Mussoorie who are entitled to use air service first reach Delhi by private taxis and cars in which a huge quantity of petrol is consumed. The Uttar Pradesh Government had also made an attempt to start air service between Delhi and Dehradun but could not succeed.

I, therefore, strongly request the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism to immediately start air service between Delhi and Dehradun so that tourism may not suffer and local people may also get this facility.

(vii) Need To Start Development Work at Vijayawada Airport, Andhra Pradesh

[English]

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARE RAO VADDE (Vijayawada) : Sir, Vijayawada is a very important place, next to Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh. It has an airport

established long back. With a view to strengthen and expand the run-way and improve other infrastructural facilities, an estimate has already been prepared. This will enable operation of Boeing aircraft at Vijayawada airport. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed to provide Rs. 8 crore as interest-free loan to the National Airport Authority of India for development of Vijayawada airport. The State Government has already allocated Rs. 4 crore this year to National Airport Authority of India.

I urge upon the Ministry of Civil Aviation to take immediate steps to start the work of development of Vijayawada airport, particularly strengthening and expansion of the run-way.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, the House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.15 p.m.

13.11 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fifteen Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

14.15 hrs.

(As 1415 hours quorum bell was rung. No quorum was made. At 1418 hours quorum bell was rung again and no quorum was made. At 1421 hours once again quorum bell was rung and no quorum was made. Thereafter the Secretary-General made the following announcement.)

14.27 hrs.

Announcement re: Postponement of the sitting of the House upto 14.45 hrs for want of quorum.

[English]

SECRETARY-GENERAL : There is no quorum the House, therefore, cannot meet, and we may not start the House till there is quorum. Hon. Deputy-Speaker has directed that the House should re-assemble at forty-five past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.27½ hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Forty Five Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.48 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Forty-Eight Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair]