

[Sh. Shyam Bihari Misra]

of Ganga has become coloured and polluted.

Due to the polluted Ganga water an acute crisis of drinking water has arisen in the villages situated on the banks of the river. The villagers are running from place to place in search of drinking water. This problem may take a serious turn during the summer season.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to make an inquiry to trace out the source of polluted refuse being flowed into Ganga. A check should be put to it and the water of Ganga. A check should be made pollution free. Alongwith this the government should also ensure installation of India type hand pumps of deep boring in more numbers in villages alongside the river and in the city of Kanpur so as to solve their problem of drinking water.

**(vi) Need for proper conservation of the forts in Sasaram Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar**

[Translation]

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN ( Sasaram): Mr. Chairman, Sir, my constituency Sasaram is an important place from historic point of view. There are many historic and religious monuments like 'Shershah ka Roza,' 'Rohtas Quila', Shergarh, Salimshah ka Roza, Tarachandi, Dhuan Kund, Mandeshwari Mandir, in this area. Most of the people are not aware of these monuments. Necessary funds are not being spent on the maintenance of these monuments.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to establish tourist centres around these historic forts and religious places and review the money allotted and the work

being done for the conservation of forts.

**(vii) Seed to fix minimum Support price for agricultural produce and ensure adequate purchases by Government agencies**

[English]

SHRI ANIL BASU (Arambagh) : Cultivators and farmers throughout the country are facing a crisis as there are no buyers of agricultural products, either cereals or cash crops in the market. The production of all items of agricultural crops has increased considerably due to good monsoon. Central Government has also increased the minimum support price. However, the Government agencies are not entering into the markets to the desired extent and the target of procurement has not been fixed.

As a result, the poor and marginal sections of the farmers are compelled to undertake distress sale and incur heavy losses as the prices have fallen below the minimum support price. High rise in input costs also added to their losses.

In Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana coarse variety foodgrains like jawar, bajra and maize have gone down below the minimum support price. In Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Haryana, the prices of edible oil, seed-groundnut, mustard and sunflower have gone down and there are no buyers.

Even Basmati paddy is being sold at Rs. 4/- per kilo in Tarai region of Uttar Pradesh.

In West Bengal, the price of potato has come down to Rs. 70/- per quintal which is below minimum support price.

The whole of agricultural sector is facing a crisis which needs immediate intervention by Government agencies in the market. Big traders are waiting for further fall of prices as they know that they are the only