

[Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar]

Delhi for the year 1991-92.

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- 15) i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi for the year 1990-91 along with Audited Accounts.

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13.24 Hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till twenty minutes past Fourteen of the clock.

14.26 Hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at twenty-six minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need for electrical reforms in the interest of speedy allround development of the country.

SHRISRIBALLAV PANIGARHI (Deogarh): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the following matters of urgent public importance under Rule 377.

It is a matter of grave concern that the polity in our country is fast undergoing an undesirable transformation with criminalisation of politics and politicisation of criminals together with communalisation of politics bringing in motive religious and caste consideration. Further ever increasing corruption in different spheres is causing anxiety and frustration. Unless this trend is contained, it is feared, besides the economic development the much needed national unity and solidarity of our country will be jeopardised and our much cherished democracy affected. What is, therefore, urgently necessary is a national debate on these important issues including electoral reforms and appropriate action taken on the board consensus arising out of such

debate in order to strengthen our unity and solidarity besides proper functioning of democracy and ensuring speedy all-round development of the country.

(ii) Need to take steps for early construction of Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil Depot at Aonia, Bareilly, District (U.P.)

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Angola): Sir, an approval to set up depot of Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil in Angola in Bareilly district had been given. In this connection the Government has also sanctioned certain amount as first instalment in order to buy a piece of land. Moreover, the farmers of the area had also been issued notices regarding acquisition of their land by Government. A period of more than two years have already passed but no work regarding the construction of depot in Angola has been started.

I would like to submit to the Central Government that it should do the needful to overcome all the hurdles in the way of setting up of the said depot and that the same should be set up immediately. It will be helpful in the development of the area and removing the problems being faced by the area regarding oil.

(iii) Need for expansion of Doordarshan facilities in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli districts, Uttar Pradesh.

MAJ. GEN. (Retd.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI (Garhwal): Mr. Deputy speaker, Sir, Pauri Garhwal and bordering district Chamoli of Uttar Pradesh have not got all that benefit and facility from the expansion of doordarshan services, which these districts should have got. The area of Pauri district is 5,440 square kilometre and that of Chamoli is 9,125 square kilometre. The total population of the two districts is about 15 lakh. The geographical set up of the area is such that from one place to another approach is not as easy as it may look from

distance point of view.

Road is the only method of transport in these hill areas. Even now, people have to walk several miles to reach one place to another and to gather some information. People in those areas are not able to know the recent developments taking place in the fields like education, science, modern technology (Engineering), trade and about Government policies. The main reason of it is the lack of Doordarshan services. So far as the source of Entertainment are concerned, these are nearly nil in the absence of doordarshan facility in the area. People of those two districts are also deprived of the latest knowledge and information about education, national and international affairs, agriculture and about several other things that are provided through television. The unemployed youth of the area are not able to watch the Rojgar Samachar telecast through television. In the two districts at present, there is a small capacity transmitter in Pauri, there is a transponder in Shri Nagar, and there is a very low capacity transmitter at Gopeshwar with the help of these. Not even ten per cent of the total population is able to watch the television programme fully and clearly. The transponder at Shri Nagar and the transmitter at Gopeshwar are most of the time out of order. Very low capacity transmitters have been approved for Kotdwar and Joshimath. But work on them is going on at a snail's pace. The border of Chamoli district touches at the border of Tibet. This area is important from the point of view of security. Thousands of soldiers belonging to this area are serving in army and there are also military contingents in the area and military contingents have been deployed here.

Therefore, I insist on the Government to send a survey team immediately to both these districts for identifying the places where low and high power transmitters are needed for the expansion of doordarshan services as also for setting up of transmitters in these two districts so that people may get these facilities.