

Ujjain is located on the banks of river Shipra and each year is visited by lakhs of pilgrims, who come to the place for a dip in the holy river and to have 'darshan' of Ujjaini. One of the twelve 'Jyotirlingas' in the country, 'Mahakal' is located in Ujjain. Historical Ashram of *Guru Sandipani*, teacher of Krishna and Sudama, *Harisidh Saktipeeth* and *Aradhya Garh Kalika* of *Vikramaditya* are located in the city of Ujjain. Prominent literary figures like *Kalidas*, *Matsyendra Nath* and *Vir Durga Das* all are associated with Ujjain.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to declare Ujjain as a holy city. In addition, steps should be taken for the cleaning of Shipra river and financial allocations should be made for the implementation of Narmada-Shipra Link Project too.

(v) Need to provide Facility of Metro Channel on Doordarshan to Ahmedabad City in Gujarat

[English]

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (Ahmedabad): Sir, there is a great demand from the people of Ahmedabad for provision of Channel II, High Power Transmitter Channel there. Ahmedabad, being the State Capital of Gujarat, has not been provided with this facility. In this connection, it may be stated that the other State Capitals in the country have already been provided with HPT Channel II by Doordarshan.

I, therefore, request the Central Government that Ahmedabad may also be provided with HPT Metro Channel II.

(vi) Need to set up a Doordarshan Broadcasting Centre at Chhapra and All India Radio Broadcasting Centre at Siwan in Bihar

[Translation]

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI (Maharaj Ganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards an important issue.

Bhojpuri is not just a language, but a culture, which is spoken in many States of the country. Bhojpuri is also spoken in Mauritius, Surinam, Trinidad, Guyana, Singapore etc. Bhojpuri language has its own songs, music and dramas. In India more than 14 crore people speak Bhojpuri.

No AIR Station and Doordarshan Kendra has been set up in the Bhojpuri speaking areas in Bihar. Therefore, I urge the Central Government to set up a Doordarshan Kendra in the district headquarters of Saran i.e. Chhapra, in Bihar and also to set up a AIR Station in the district headquarters of Siwan viz Siwan town, without delay so that the folk artists and craftsmen can promote and preserve their culture.

(vii) Need to Clear Pending Power Projects of Kerala

[English]

SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI (Kasaragod): Sir, scarcity of electricity in the Mala region of Kerala is hampering the overall development especially the industrial development of the region. The only solution to this problem is early sanction to the State Government proposed diesel-based power generation