

[Sh.Sriballav Panigrahi]

matter immediately and take necessary action for the renovation of the Jharsuguda aerodrome and extension of air services to this area.

(iii) Need to provide Banking credit for Welfare Schemes in Kerala

SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH (Adoor): Sir, banking credit for welfare schemes is very low in Kerala whereas the deposits in the banking sector in Kerala is very high. The Banking authorities have totally neglected the need to provide credit for welfare schemes being implemented for the people Kerala.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to take necessary steps to provide sufficient banking credit for the welfare schemes in Kerala.

(iv) Need to ensure that crop insurance dues are paid to farmers in Gujarat

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL (Jamnagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Gujarat dues under the crop insurance scheme for the year 1990-91 are yet to be fully paid to the farmers and for the year 1991-92 not a single farmer has been paid the dues under the aforesaid scheme. This has caused widespread discontentment among the farmers in Gujarat. Recently all over Gujarat farmers held rallies and demonstrations and also submitted memoranda to the local officials for immediate payment/clearance of dues under the crop insurance scheme.

If payments are not made on time to the farmers under the crop insurance scheme then how they will be able to purchase agri-

cultural inputs. If the dues are not cleared immediately then not only in Saurashtra and Gujarat, but also all over the country the farmers will come on to the streets and the situation might then go out of control. Therefore, I would like to humbly request the Government to immediately pay the dues to the farmers under the crop insurance scheme.

(v) Need to clear the proposals of Bihar Government regarding drainage system at Gandak Command Area, Bihar

SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA (Vailshali): Mr. Speaker, Sir, each year during the rainy season kharif crop on 3,75,000 acres gets destroyed due to floods under Gandak Command Area in North Bihar. Including command area of Jhanjha, Danda and Kadane-Noon rivu lets farmers lose 40,00,000 quintals of kharif foodgrains each year. During the Rabi crop season water logging in there in 2,75,000 acres of land. This adversely affects 26,00,000 quintals of Rabi Crop. In all every year farmers lose 66,00,000 quintals of foodgrains. Loss of such magnitude is taking place year after year. As a result of it the economic condition of two crore farmers is deteriorating day by day.

To find a permanent solution of this problem the Government of Bihar did send a report for approval to the Central Government for the construction of lower upper via drainage scheme and lower and upper Noon drainage scheme for controlling floods and for effective drainage of water. However, till date the Central Government has not cleared the scheme.

Therefore, I would like to urge the Central government to immediately pay attention towards this severe problem. A team of experts should be constituted for the through