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[English]

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**(I) Need to Establish a Civil Engineering wing Division at Trichur, Kerala**

PROF SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN (Mukundapuram) Mr Speaker, Sir, in tune with the importance attached in the Eighth Five Year Plan to telecommunications, I urge upon the Government for furtherance of other underdeveloped areas like of Kerala and Malabar area. Since 1978, no progress has been made in the civil engineering developmental activities, except some small projects. Therefore in commensurate with the target works on the basis of available official statistics and on the basis of the bare necessities of telecom network for the development, I request the Government to explore the possibility of opening more civil engineering wing for construction activities for executing the basic infrastructure for telecom buildings, cable ducts etc.

The anticipated total expenditure for 1992-93 was Rs. 3000 lakhs for civil building construction works in Kerala, out of which roughly Rs. 300 lakhs were earmarked for Trichur District. In the normal conditions, these works which spread in Trichur Distt and part of Palghat Distt are to be executed by the Civil Wing Division at Emakulam and Calicut.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to create one civil wing division at Trichur to cope with the increased work load.

(ii) Need to provide more funds to Maharashtra Government for solving Acute rinding Water Problem in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra

[Translation]

SHRI TEJSINGHRAO BHONSLE

(Ramtek) Mr Speaker, Sir, due to scant rainfall, absence of dams, absence of wells, borewells and neglect of proper crop planning, the level of ground water is going down in Vidarbha. According to the Government statistics 30 per cent villages in Vidarbha have acute water crisis, if this speed continued the possibility of Vidarbha becoming a drought-prone area can hardly be ruled out. The position of the level of ground water is terrible and the construction of dams in Vidarbha for irrigation has been announced only. The construction work of Upper-Wardha had started in 1975 which has not yet been completed. Mosikhurd and Lauhar Vardha schemes have been announced only. The sugar factories were opened in Vidarbha in the hope that dams would be constructed, but they have been closed down one after the other. There is need to dig borewell and wells for solving the water problem. Bank loan has not been given for digging wells. Among the 30 per cent villages affected by the water problem in Vidarbha up to March 1993, there were 43 villages in Wardha 258 in Nagpur 164 in Bhandara, 153 in Chandrapur and 36 in Gadchiroli and in June 1993 these have reached up to 192 villages in Wardha, 395 in Nagpur, 466 in Bhandara, 631 in Chandrapur and 968 villages in Gadchiroli.

So, it is my submission to the Central Government to issue instructions to the District Administration and State Administration immediately for solving this problem, and the Central Government should provide more and more financial assistance to tackle this problem.

(iii) Need to set up a Medical Collage at Sagar in Madhya Pradesh

SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR(Sagar) Mr Speaker, Sir, Dr Hari Singh Gaur University, Sagar is the oldest university of Madhya Pradesh and one of the famous universities in the country, which was founded in 1946 by the great educationist Dr Han Singh Gaur who donated the money earned by him. This is the only university in the country which had been established by donation from only one person. This university