

post-matric studies upward has remained stagnant for more than fifteen years.

I urge upon the Central Government to increase the amount of student/scholarship granted to the students of SC and ST from post/Matric and higher classes and to abolish the income limit of parents/guardians immediately in this respect.

- (iv) **Need to convert Pune – Kolhapur Section of National Highway No. 4 into four lane expressway**

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN (Karad): The section of the National Highway No. 4 between Pune and Kolhapur in Maharashtra is one of the busiest sections of the National Highway network. The traffic density on this highway has increased many-fold since it was constructed. Its design capacity was 10,000 passenger car units. It is now carrying a traffic of 55,000 P.C.U.S. – a five – fold increase. This high traffic has increased the number of serious and fatal accidents. The congestion has increased the travel time and it is causing wastage of precious petroleum fuel. There is an urgent need to convert it into a four lane expressway. Also there are two ghat sections between Pune and Satara, namely, the Khambataki and the Katraj Ghats where a tunnel can save substantial road distance in the ghats. The cost can be recovered by collection of toll.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to take up the work on this Highway section on a priority basis.

- (v) **Need to bring a legislation for constituting a Central Agency for coordination and management of traditional educational institutions in the country**

[Translation]

SHRI ASTBHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA (Khalilabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Central Government had set up a committee in

February, 1991 for coordination and management of traditional educational institutions in the country, which was to determine its network. This committee (Chaturvedi) had prepared the outline before 30th May, 1991 and had handed over it to the Government but no action has yet been taken on it. The Hon. Prime Minister has admitted it in the House that the traditional system will be helpful for Computer Science, Metallurgy and Astronomy but when the sources will come to an end, who will provide guidelines? Today, all the schools of true knowledge, which take the unity of the country as a base, are in a miserable condition.

Today, in the Universities of the most advanced country in science, i.e. America also, Sanskrit is being taught with a keen interest. The famous American scientist, who is also the director of NASA Army Research Institute had proved in 1985 that Sanskrit is the favourite language of computer. The speaking computer of 21st century will speak none other than Sanskrit language.

Therefore, the Central Government should think over it seriously and the traditional education should be linked with science. The Government should establish such as central institution as may coordinate and manage all the traditional educational institutions.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government that it should bring a Bill during this session to constitute a central agency for coordination and management of traditional educational institutions.

- (vi) **Need to set up a recruitment centre for Defence services in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh**

[Translation]

SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA (Kanpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, all the youths have a keen desire to be recruited in the Indian army to discharge their national duty and this feeling specially exists among those who belong to families where serving in the