

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

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army is considered to be a pious job. A large number of such families live in Kanpur and its surrounding districts such as Etawah, Mainpuri Unnao, Fatehpur, Banda, Fatehgarh, Jalon and Hamirpur etc. In these families every youth wants to join the army and wants to carry on the family tradition set up by his father and forefather. He also wants to do his duty by serving his motherland. Such healthy, educated, having good character and brave youths want to join the army but as there is no recruiting centres in these districts this desire of their cannot be fulfilled. Lack of sources and timely information deprive these youth of being recruited in the military/defence services. Many people from this area have sacrificed their lives for the defence of their country and have been decorated with bravery awards. The brave women of such families think it their duty and send their sons on the path of their husbands but in the absence of any recruiting centre nearby they have to face great difficulties and hardships.

Therefore, my submission to the Government is that a recruiting centre (recruiting office) should be set up so that the educated, healthy and brave youth of high character residing in Kanpur and its surrounding districts may avail the opportunity to join the Indian army and the defence services may have such youths as belong to those families

which have the traditional proud to serve in

the army and consider it as a pious job. In this way, the Government will also be able to fulfil its duty towards those ex-servicemen who have lived and sacrificed their lives in defending their country.

- (vii) **Need to convert Mansi-Saharsa-Forbesganj and Saharsa-Madhepura-Katihar railway lines into broad gauge**

[Translation]

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV

(Saharsa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in my constituency, Saharsa, the condition of the railway line is so miserable that none of the trains can run at the speed of more than 20 kms. and a lot of money is also being spent every year on their maintenance. If this amount is increased and is spent on the construction of broad gauge railway line on Saharsa-Mansi-Forbesganj and Saharsa-Madhepura-Katihar sections it will not only prove economical to the Railways but the people of this area will also be benefited. Besides, it will have direct links with the other parts of the country and the railways will also get the benefit of having a loop line in the form of broad gauge line upto Mansi-Katihar.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government that it should undertake the conversion work of the old railway line from Mansi upto Forbesganj and from Saharsa upto Katihar into broad gauge immediately for this development of this backward area so that this area can be directly linked with the other parts of the country and the people may have adequate relief.

- (viii) **Need to provide interest free loans to Tamil industrialists affected due to riots on Cauvery Water dispute in Karnataka**

[English]

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli): Textile and Sugar Mills belonging to Tamil Nadu industrialists in Karnataka were heavily damaged due to riots on the Cauvery water dispute and have not become operational so far. This prolonged closure of mills due to heavy damage has rendered many labourers unemployed.

I therefore, request the Central Government to help the affected industrialists by sanctioning interest free loans to them. This will help and avoid unemployment of labourers.