

duction. The condition of Cocoa, Coffee, Cardamom, Ginger, etc. are also dismal. Scarcity of water during summer is another formidable challenge. Tourism is totally neglected in this district which has the highest potential in this regard.

The Central and State Governments should chalk out a joint integrated programme for total development of this backward district and implement it under a time-bound programme on a war footing.

15.00 hrs.

- (iv) **Need to open Post Offices in Rural Areas of Lalitpur and Jhansi of Uttar Pradesh**

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (Jhansi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as per the present policy of the Postal Department of Government of India, post offices in rural areas of Lalitpur and Jhansi districts of Uttar Pradesh cannot be opened. The new post offices should have started functioning last year have not been able to function by now.

I would like to demand from the Government of India that post offices in rural areas of Lalitpur and Jhansi districts of Uttar Pradesh should be opened as per the norms prescribed and policy adopted to open new post offices in the country. It should also be examined whether new post offices that were to be opened last year have been opened or not. If not, they should be opened immediately.

I demand from the Central Government that new post offices in villages of Lalitpur and Jhansi districts should be opened within one year as per the prescribed norms and a list thereof also published immediately.

- (v) **Need to look in to the Demands of Teachers of Kendriya Vidhyalayas**

[*English*]

DR. LALBAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras): Sir, as is evident from the recent newspaper reports, 35,000 teachers of 771 Kendriya Vidyalayas spread all over the country as also abroad have announced their decision to launch phased agitation from the 14th July, 1992 under the auspices of All India Kendriya Vidyalayas Teachers' Association to press their 11 point Charter of Demands as also to ask for a high level probe into the affairs of KVS relating to 1991-92.

I urge upon the Minister to please hold the assured talks with the All-India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association immediately and to settle the issues.

- (vi) **Need to open Silk Depots at Headquarters of Azamgarh and Mau Districts of Uttar Pradesh.**

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM BADAN (LALGANJ): Mr. Deputy speaker, Sir, in the eastern region particularly in Azamgarh and Mau districts skilled workers weave Banarasi silk sarees on handloom on large scale. There is no silk depot at headquarters of Azamgarh and Mau districts. The weavers have to go to distant places from their home districts to purchase silk. Weavers have to face great hardship in bringing silk from Varanasi, Calcutta and several remote places. They are exploited by agents and middlemen and harassed by administrative officials in bringing silk from distant places. They suffer economically and physically. Silk sarees of Azamgarh and Mau districts are famous within and outside the country. I would like to