

[Kumri Vimala Verma]

So, the Government is requested to take necessary steps immediately in this regard.

- (iv) **Need to take gas pipe line upto Madhya Pradesh for setting up of gas based power plants there**

SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA (Ujjain): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is acute scarcity of electricity in Madhya Pradesh. So, to remove the scarcity, immediate sanction should be given to supply gas in adequate quantity from H.B.J. gas pipeline to Madhya Pradesh so that gas based power plants could be set up there. This will improve the situation of power supply in Madhya Pradesh and will give relief to the workers working in the scarcity hit sectors of agriculture and industry.

- (v) **Need to sanction cooking gas agencies at Dungargarh and Taranagar towns, Rajasthan**

SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN (Churu): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the petroleum Minister towards the difficulty being faced by the residents of Dungargarh and Taranagar Towns under my constituency Churu in the absence of any gas agency.

Sir, the population of both these towns is about one lakh. Several government offices, industries, tehsil and courts are situated here. The citizens had to face a lot of difficulty and no gas agency has been opened here. They had to buy gas cylinders in black at higher price.

So, I would request the hon. Minister that in view of the difficulty being faced by

the people of my Constituency, Churu, arrangements should be made at the earliest to open gas agencies in both these towns.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is surprising that only 2-3 Members are sitting on the Congress benches.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please sit down.

- (vi) **Need to provide funds to Orissa Government to evolve suitable methodology for checking water logging in Deltaic region of Orissa**

[English]

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (Puri): Although Orissa is very rich in its water resources, but irrigation in the State is lagging far behind other States. One of the main bottlenecks in the way of full utilisation of irrigation potential is water logging. The Deltaic region of the State which is traditionally known as the "rice bowl" of Orissa, suffers from severe water logging. Consequently productivity has got a severe jolt. It has shown a retarding trend. This state of affairs should be seriously looked into by the Central Government. In order to remove water logging and drain congestion a scheme at a cost of about Rs. 600 crores has been formulated by the Government of Orissa. But implementation of the said scheme would put a heavy strain on the resources of the State. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary that a special attention is paid to such a hazardous problem, so as to evolve a suitable methodology to free the high yielding lands from water logging. I request the Central Government to provide funds to the Government of Orissa for implementation of the said scheme.