

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not allow. We are on Matters Under Rule 377... (Interruptions) ... That is not the procedure. Please do not record.

(Interruptions)*

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

(i) Need to Clear the Proposal of Orissa Government for setting up District Centres for English Languages Teaching at Sambalpur and Baripada.

SHRISRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): I want to raise the following matter under Matters under Rule 377.

The Orissa Government have decided to open two New District Centres in English language teaching - one at Sambalpur and the other at Baripada for the current academic session and have agreed to bear state share of these two new district centres. This matter is pending with the Ministry of Human Resources Development for the last two years. The proposals should be cleared immediately and necessary action taken, so that the Centres start functioning forth with.

(ii) Need to take adequate anti-air Pollution measures at Rourkela Steel Plant and Fertilizer plant, Orissa.

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO (Sundargarh): Air pollution has posed a serious problem in and around Rourkela city. The iron dust discharged through the chimney of the steel plant along with the polluted smoke are being spread over the entire area. The iron dust fall in the eyes of the people, particularly the two wheeler drivers face this problem. They feel pain in their eyes and some ailments develop in their eyes after a few days.

In many cases, the eyes are damaged if the iron dust are not taken out immediately.

According to an estimate, about 2000 people take admission in the Rourkela Government Hospital and an equal number of them in the Ispat General Hospital every year complaining some kind of eye ailment or the other due to the falling of iron dust in their eyes.

Both the Rourkela Steel Plant and the Fertilizer Plant set up by Fertilizer Corporation of India are equally responsible for the growing air pollution in and around Rourkela city. The polluted air mixed with iron dust discharged from Rourkela Steel Plant is causing a number of diseases like Asthma, Tuberculosis, Cancer and several other eye ailments. In order to put an end to the occurrence of these diseases, I urge the Minister of Environment and Forest to prevail upon the Ministry of Steel and Fertilizers to take adequate modern anti-air pollution measures at the Steel Plant and Fertilizer Plant at Rourkela forthwith.

(iii) Need to Look into the Deaths due to Malaria In Mizoram.

DR. C SILVERA (Mizoram): The mosquito menace in Mizoram is sharply on the increase during the last one year or so. This is mainly due to the non-availability of insecticides in time. No spraying of DDT was done during the year 1991 due to want of the insecticide. It is presumed that it is because of this that mosquito menace and malaria death is sharply on the increase. The following statistics will prove the facts, Malaria death in 1988 - 16; 1989 - 17; 1990 - 8; 1991 - 12 and 1992 (till July) - 23.

Since NMEP is a State/Central Programme, it is experienced that the Central contributions both in kind (commodities) and in cash are generally received late putting

* Not recorded.