

Universities have been opened in Uttar Pradesh but Raja Balwant Singh College of Agra has not so far been converted into an Agricultural University.

Seeking permission to set up Raja Balwant Singh Agricultural University, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Union Government and its institute I.S.R. but the permission has not been given so far.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government that it should give permission to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to set up an Agriculture University in Uttar Pradesh and permit it to convert Raja Balwant Singh College Bichpuri, Agra into an Agricultural University.

(ii) **Need to lay new rail line in Beed district, Maharashtra**

SHRIMATI KESHARBHI SONAJI KASHIRSAGAR (Beed): Beed district is the most backward district of Maharashtra. The population of Beed district is 20 lakhs. Due to lack of rail line, the development of the district could not take place. The Government's policy is to develop backward districts on priority basis. In Beed district, Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli new railway line has not been given any recognition so far. I always tried in this regard. Primary survey has also been conducted. Unless there is railway line no industry can flourish there. The number of unemployed persons is therefore increasing day by day. I, therefore, request the Union Government to give recognition to the Ahmednagar-Beed Railway line and to make provision for laying a new Railway line also on priority basis in Beed district for the development of the district.

(iii) **Need to improve the telephone services in the country, particularly in Sitapur district, U.P.**

SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA (Sitapur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, today on the one

hand telephone facility is being provided rapidly in the different parts of the country by the Government, but on the other hand telephone consumers are facing a lot of problems due to inefficiency and inactiveness of the telephone department. Defective telephones non-materisalisation of S.T.D. calls and the negligence of telephone staff towards the trunk booking calls have become a general complaint these days all over the country. Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh is also not spread from this problem. Telephone of the consumers here are mostly remain out of order. Telephones in rural areas are mostly in dead condition and it is a matter of regret that despite making the complaints there are not repaired for weeks. Trunk booking facility has become worthless. There is no response from the exchange for booking the calls despite the continuous ringing of bell. Tired of this, the consumers of Biswa, Maholi, Hargaon and Laherpur have to come to Sitapur causing wastage of money and time. And they are compelled to think that telephones are only for local calls.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Communications to take stern action so as to improve efficiency and competence in the department so that telephone users may take its full advantage and provide S.T.D. facility at Biswa, Maholi, Hargon, Laherpur in Sitapur district.

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(iv) **Need to expedite the work of various Power Projects in Orissa**

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (Puri): Sir, the bleak power situation in Orissa stands on the way of its industrial growth. The State now represents a power deficit of 43.3 per cent as against the all-India average of 7.9 per cent. But power generation is indispensable for both agriculture and industrial growth. Provision of adequate power in the State will provide an important role for future economic development. In spite of the best efforts and substantial investment made by the State Government; the estimated unrestricted power demand