

(vi) Need to take immediate steps to provide satellite link to the Thiruvananthapuram Television Station (Kerala)

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri): Even after the country has made rapid progress in the electronic media, the various parts of Kerala have not been given the benefit of the telecast from Thiruvananthapuram television station. At present, no television programme telecast from Thiruvananthapuram station covers the whole Kerala as the present capacity of thiruvananthapuram television station is not sufficient. As a result, many parts of Kerala including various parts of backward Mallapuram district, which I prepresent here, have not received the benefit of telecast. I would, therefore urge upon the Government to take expeditious steps to provide statelite link to take expeditious steps to provide satellite link to the Thiruvananthapuram television station so as to enable the whole of Kerala to have the benefit of telecast from the Thiruvananthapuram television station.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take steps to bring efficiency in these Organisations in the interest of the common people of the country.

(vii) Need for Improving the working of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

KUMARI MATHA BANERJEE (CALCUTTA SOUTH) : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction is losing its credibility and respectability in the eyes of employees and workers of the country due to delay in disposing of the cases pending before it. For

instance, the case of Matal Box Company has been pending before it for the last six years but till date no progress has been made and the workers of various such companies are facing starvation.

(viii) Need to set up Central Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Rohatas, Bhabhua and Buxar districts of Bihar

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH (Bikramganj) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I seek your permission to raise the following matter under Rule 377 :-

Rohtas, Bhabhua and Buxar districts of Bihar are situated on the Western border of the State. The total population of these districts is about 50 lakhs, but majority of this population is poor and is comprised of Adivasis, Harijans and backward classes. Despite that there is no good school to provide education to the poor intelligent and brilliant students of these districts. The Central Government has also not opened any Central schools or Navodaya Vidyalaya in that area. The financial condition of the parents and guardians of these children is not good enough to send their wards for education to far away cities. Thus the talent of a large number of children is going waste which is a national loss.

Therefore, I would like the Central Government to open two Central Schools and one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each of these districts with immediate effect so that the talent of the brilliant students could be utilized in the national interest.