

[Sh. Birba]

sanctioned for agricultural production and development.

Therefore due to meagre amount of loans sanctioned under the D. I. R., the farmer Community cannot reap benefit properly.

Compound interest is realised on principal amount. Distributing banks do not follow policies and rules of the Central Government properly in sanctioning loans to educated and employed. The condition of unemployed persons belonging to scheduled castes is grave in my district.

(iii) **Need to give more cooking gas outlets in Rampet Parliamentary constituency Andhra Pradesh**

[English]

SHRI A. PRATAP SAI (Rajampet) : Rajampet town with a population of 40,000 has not been given any cooking gas outlet. For the entire Rajampet Parliamentary Constituency there are gas agencies only in two towns namely, Madanapalle and Rayachoty. The agency in Rayachoty was given only recently. It is not just that only two towns will use the cooking gas in the entire Rajampet Parliamentary Constituency with a population of about 11 lakhs.

People are at present using the electrical appliances for cooking and there are frequent powercuts. The power supply is at a very low voltage and for limited hours. The voltage supplied is not sufficient to generate the required heat for cooking. The supply of kerosene is also inadequate even for a small family. In these circumstances people are forced to use sandalwood as firewood. Denudation of forests will also lead to the ecological imbalance and ultimate hazards associated with it.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to ensure that more cooking gas

outlets are given in Rajampet Parliamentary Constituency.

(iv) **Need to Extend certain Trains up to Porbandar and Okha in Gujarat**

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL (Jamnagar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Jamnagar city is located on the western border of India and due to this, only one long distance train, Hap-Jammu-Tawi is available once a week for Jamnagar city and Jamnagar district. No other long-distance trains coming from other parts of the Country are available for Jamnagar.

Jamnagar is an industrial city. There are forty-five small-scale brass factories in Jamnagar. The city is a market place of brass-items. Thousands of business-men have to travel throughout the country in connection with the business.

There is a railway line from Jamnagar to Porbandar which is the birth-place of Mahatma Gandhi. As such it attracts tourists to visit Porbandar and all the three wings of the military i.e. the Navy, army and air force are there in Jamnagar. The total number of military personnel and their families comes to nearly 1 lakh 25 thousand. More than 80% of these military personnel are from outside Gujarat and one lakh persons travel to the other States of the country once a year. The biggest pilgrimage of the country is Dwarika. Every year about two to three lakh people visit Dwarika once to have a sight of the Lord Dwarikadheesh.

In Jamnagar district there are ports in maximum number where lakhs of tonnes of goods is loaded and unloaded and lakhs of tonnes of crude oil is imported at Vadinar, dock of the Kandla Port Trust. Therefore, it is my submission to the Central Government to extend the Bhopal train to Porbandar and the Trivandram train to Okha. Both these trains are up to Rajkot.