

(v) Need to Allocate More Funds for sports

SHRI BRIJBHSHAN SHARAN SINGH (Gonda) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, sports are being encouraged all over the world. But in India a reduction of 23 per cent has been effected in Budget allocation for sports this year. A provision of allocation of Rs. 41 crore 36 lakh has been made in the Budget for sports in the year 1992- 93. Therefore, this year it will be merely a dream to win a medal in the international sports events. The Government's sports-policy is also ambiguous in the Olympic Year. The Government has no far-reaching sports policy. If the Government has no adequate funds to promote sports, it should promote pervade sectors in the field of sports. Due to lack of assistance both by the Government and the sector sports are suffering. If the Government is to win a medal in Olympics this year, it will have to allocate more funds to encourage sports.

(vi) Need to clear proposed Thermal Power Project to be set up at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD (Salem-pur) : Mr. Deputy, Sir, due to less power generation, the development all over the country has virtually come to a Standstill. Due to apathy on the part of the Central Government the condition of the most backward and poor States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has become pitiable. In Uttar Pradesh the speed of electrification of village is slowing down year by year as a result of which not only the villages are without light but the industries also being affected. The consumers are in great hardship due to frequent power-cut. The proposed Thermal power project to be set up at Vilpara Road in district Ballia situated in the eastern part of the most backward and densely populated state Uttar Pradesh has been lying pending for consideration since 1988. During this very session I have been informed through a reply to my question as also through a letter from the Minister of Energy that the project will be included in

the next plan as soon as a revised project from Uttar Pradesh is received. But the common people are worried because no action has been taken on it by now.

So, I demand from the Central Government to set up the proposed Thermal Power Project immediately pending for consideration since 1988 at Vilpara Road in district Ballia in public interest and the un-electrified villages of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are electrified.

(vii) Need to open more purchase centres of C. E. I. in Adilabad district Andhra Pradesh.

[English]

SHRI A INDRAKARAN REDDY (Adilabad) : Adilabad district in Andhra Pradesh is known for cotton growing area and Majority of the farmers who are tribals and Scheduled Castes depends on cotton cultivation. The cotton seed being provided to the farmers are of defective quality with the result that the growers are put to loss. The purchase centres run by Cotton Corporation of India for purchase of cotton from the growers are very less as compared to the area of cotton production. Because of this, the middleman and the traders are exploiting the cotton growers who are pressurised to make distress sale to the middlemen.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to pay special attention in the matter for opening more purchase centres in Adilabad district for cotton and to ensure supply of quality cotton seeds to the growers.

(viii) Need to create Employment Opportunities for graduates passing out in Forestry.

[Translation]

SHRI KRISHAN DUTTA SULTANPURI (Shimla) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the forestry university in District Solan of