

[Shri Gopi Nath Gajapathi]

to lack of proper infrastructural facilities like drinking water, restaurants, primary health centre, tourist lodges, transport facilities, etc.

The Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India have released a paltry sum of Rs. 8.49 lakhs, against Rs. 20 lakhs earmarked for this area, under town development scheme.

I urge the Central Government to include Gopalpur-on-sea town in Ganjam District, in the Central Town Planning Scheme and expedite release of adequate funds for its development, as an ideal tourist sea-side resort.

- (ii) **Need to send a team of geologists to enquire into the inflammable gas coming out of Narmada river water in Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh**

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHANLAL JHIKRAM (Mandla): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, after the fateful earthquake in Latur, some inflammable gas is coming out in the form of bubbles from river Narmada in Mandla district, which is situated in Madhya Pradesh and is a district Headquarter. Its special characteristic is that it starts burning when a burning match stick is brought near it. It is necessary to examine this gas.

So, I would request the Central Government that a team of geologist be immediately sent to Mandla to carry out

detailed investigation. If this is related to earthquake, the public should be given necessary guidance and warnings and if this is any other type of inflammable gas, necessary information be given about it and the quantity available there so that it could be utilised for public welfare.

15.07 hrs.

[PROF. RITA VERMA *in the Chair*]

- (iii) **Need to establish a Doordarshan Studio at Rourkela in Orissa to project, preserve and promote rich Tribal Culture**

[*English*]

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO (Sundargarh): Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the gradual fading away of an age old rich tribal culture in the Eastern region of India due to rapid industrialisation leading to influx of people from the other parts of the country. Those who come to this region in search of employment try to impose their culture on tribals.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to make all possible efforts to display Tribal culture through Doordarshan to the rest of the world and establish a Doordarshan Studio at Rourkela to project, preserve and promote rich Tribal culture.