

(iii) Need for giving adequate coverage to Oriya and Assamese language programmes over the Delhi Doordarshan

****SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA (Kalahandi):** The Delhi Doordarshan presents Regional Chitrahhar programme once in every week. Under this programme the Delhi Television Viewers get the opportunity to witness film songs or sequences from the Regional language Films. But all regional languages are not being given equal representation in this programme. No Assamese and Oriya film songs and sequences have been presented so far.

Similarly, Delhi Doordarshan shows one regional film every week. Assamese and Oriya Films are presented in this programme only occasionally. Delhi is the heart of India. People from all over the country live in this Capital City. Thousands of T.V. viewers from Assam and Orissa reside in this city. They are disappointed to find that their languages are not properly represented in Doordarshan Programme.

In view of this, I demand that equal representation should be given to all Regional Languages in the Regional Chitrahhar and Regional Film Programme presented by the Delhi Doordarshan.

(iv) Need for reducing the Excise Duty on matches produced in the Cottage and the Tiny Units in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRAKASAM (Tirunelveli)** Under Rule 377 I wish to raise the following matter of urgent public importance.

"In Tamil Nadu there are three sectors of match industry. One is mechanised sector, the second is handmade large factories and the third

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is divided into two categories—Cottage and tiny units functioning under the auspices of Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the State Industries Department through Co-operative societies. There was the excise duty of Rs. 7.20 per gross for the mechanised sector, Rs. 4.50 per gross for the middle sector and Rs. 1.60 per gross for cottage and tiny sector. From 1-10-1981, for cardboard matches, the Excise Duty has been modified to Rs. 7.20 per gross for the mechanised sector and Rs. 5.50 for both the middle and the cottage and tiny sectors. In the case of middle sector, the increase is just Re. 1/- per gross and there is no increase for the mechanised sector.

With the steep increase of Excise Duty of Rs. 3.90 per gross for the cardboard boxes of cottage and tiny sectors, the tiny and cottage units are being destroyed.

These cottage units in rural areas were giving employment to nearly 2 lakhs of men and women and they have lost their livelihood. The representatives of co-operative societies met the Finance Minister and submitted a petition in this regard. It was reported that an assurance was given that Rs. 5.50 excise duty would be reduced to Rs. 3/- for cottage and tiny units. In the interest of survival of lakhs of workers engaged in cottage units in the rural areas, I demand the early implementation of the assurance reported to have been given by the hon. Finance Minister.

(v) Token strike by workers of Hindustan Samachar Bharati.

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी (हिसार) : बम्बई में हिन्दुस्तान समाचार एजेंसी के तमाम कर्मचारियों ने 30-11-81 को सांकेतिक हड़ताल की क्योंकि मजदूरों को दो साल से बोनस नहीं मिला है। एक साल के बोनस में जबरन दस्तखत कराकर उनको बोनस