

more women are thrown out of jobs from textile, jute, coir and other industries.

Decline in the employment of women and their participation in the economic activities has resulted in lowering of their status in the society on the one hand and increase in the incidence of atrocities against them on the other hand.

Different surveys have revealed that thirty five per cent of the heads of families are women. The increasing unemployment among women also affects family welfare.

While drafting the Sixth Five year Plan, planners for the first time took cognizance of the fact and treated women as a special target group for creating job opportunities. Government has assured repeatedly on the Floor of the House that special efforts would be made to improve the situation. However, there is no visible result. On the contrary, the increase in the per centage of job opportunities in the organised sector during 1983 has declined to only 2.9% as compared to 1981-82.

The Seventh Five-year Plan is being drafted. I would request the Government to discuss with the representatives of women's organisations and researchers about the plan allocations for the women development before finalising the Plan.

(viii) Need for giving clearance to 'Neorakhola Project' of Kalinpong and funds to West Bengal government for provision of drinking water in Darjeeling and other areas.

SHRI ANANDA PATHAK (Darjeeling) : Sir, shortage of drinking water is engulfing the major town areas of Darjeeling District especially, Kalimpong and Darjeeling Hill Towns. Darjeeling is a famous tourist centre and it is aptly known as the Queen of Hills all over the world. Thousands of seasoners and tourists from different parts of the country and abroad visit Darjeeling every year. As a matter of fact, tourism is the only economic mainstay, next to tea industry of Darjeeling. But the growing need and shortage of water is badly telling upon the inflow of tourists. It is also adversely affecting the local residents of Darjeeling. In the hill areas, situated at the a litude of 5/6 thousands, no water could be d rawn from the earth by digging the well. T here are some perennial streams and revu-

lets which could augment the water supply system but it requires heavy amount of money which is beyond the means of the State Government. In Kalimpong there is a large number of defence population adding to the growing number of local population. To alleviate this acute problem, the Military Engineers of Defence Department and Civil Engineers of State Government prepared the popular "Neorakhola Project" and submitted it to the Central Government for clearance and sharing the expenditure of the project two years back, but it has not yet been sanctioned.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to help the State Government, of West Bengal and grant the necessary fund for the augmentation of drinking water in the hill areas of Darjeeling and also give them clearance and fund for the "Neorakhola Project" at Kalimpong immediately.

FINANCE BILL, 1984

12.45 hrs.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, we take up discussing on the Finance Bill. Mr. Satish Agarwal to speak.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Jaipur) : Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy-Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to speak on the Finance Bill. Sir, this is the last Budget Session of the Seventh Lok Sabha and this is the last Finance Bill of the Seventh Lok Sabha. While participating in the debate on the General Budget, I had drawn the attention of the Government in detail regarding certain distortions and aberrations in our tax laws and tax policy and also the rampant corruption in the tax administration. Apart from the need to streamline the tax administration, I had drawn the attention of the Government to strengthening the Committee system in Parliament so as to scrutinise each item of revenue and each item of expenditure in detail by a Committee of Parliament.

Sir, you will kindly recall that when in 1980, the then Finance Minister, Shri R. Venkataraman, presented his budget he talked of crisis management and when in 1981 he presented his budget, he talked of growth management and later on in 1982, the Government talked of credit management. But now, I apprehend that with this massive borrowing policy of the Government of