

- (ii) Need for setting up third gas-based fertiliser plant in Gujarat.

SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED PATEL (Broach): Sir, the Satischandran Committee has recommended 10 Fertiliser Plants based on Bombay High gas in the country. And so, Government of Gujarat should be allowed to set up a third gas-based fertilizer plant in the state to save valuable foreign exchange which is now being spent on the import of nitrogenous fertilizers.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

12.13 hrs.

With the experience of setting up two major fertilizer plants and the ready availability of infrastructure, Gujarat is in a position to set up third gas based fertilizer plant in the shortest possible time.

Since this project is proposed as an expansion of the existing facility at Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers at Bharuch, there will be a saving of about Rs. 54 crores at current prices in the capital cost on account of infrastructure and associated facilities. Besides, there will be a further saving of about at least Rs. 40 crores by way of interest charges as the expansion would be completed 12 months earlier.

It is learnt that the Gujarat State Fertilizers Company are in a position to make available an amount of about Rs. 120-30 crores for the project, thereby considerably reducing the financial burden on the public exchequer.

The project is expected to save foreign exchange by way of reduced imports of nitrogenous fertilizers to the extent of about Rs. 1,000 crores in the course of about seven years.

It is understood that Gujarat Government has submitted a detailed memorandum to the Government of India in this regard. An early clearance of the project will greatly boost the country's efforts in increasing our fertilizer production.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Harish Rawat.

- (iii) Need to give priority to Hydro Electric Power with lar reference to hydro-power potential of Pithoragarh in U.P.

श्री हरीश रावत (अल्मोड़ा) : ऊर्जा मंत्रालय को चाहिये कि वह छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में तापीय विद्युत के स्थान पर जल विद्युत उत्पादन को प्राथमिकता प्रदान करे क्योंकि ताप विद्युत के स्रोत एक सीमा पर समाप्त हो सकते हैं तथा ऊर्जा के अन्य स्रोतों के उपयोग की तकनीक या तो अभी पर्याप्त महंगी है या पूर्ण रूप से विकसित नहीं हो पाई है। इनके विपरीत जल विद्युत के स्रोत अगाध हैं व हमेशा रहने वाले हैं।

देश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्र जल विद्युत के उत्पादन के लिये आदर्श क्षेत्र हैं। इन क्षेत्रों में छोटी व बड़ी दोनों नदियों पर जल विद्युत योजनाएँ बनाई जा सकती हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार व प्रांतीय सरकारों द्वारा यहां की जल विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता के 90 प्रतिशत का भी उपयोग नहीं किया गया है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा तो इस संदर्भ में बिल्कुल भी ध्यान नहीं दिया गया है।

उत्तर प्रदेश के पिथौरागढ़ जनपद में जल विद्युत पैदा करने की अगाध क्षमता है। मैं पिछले दो वर्षों से इस जनपद की जल विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता का फिजिबिलिटी सर्वे करवाये जाने की मांग कर रहा हूँ।

इस जनपद में सरयू नदी में पेचेश्वर नामक स्थान पर तथा गौरी व छांली नदियों

में कई छोटी बड़ी जल विद्युत योजनायें बनाई जा सकती हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त पिन्डर नदी को सरयू में मिला कर अगाध जल विद्युत पैदा की जा सकती है।

मुरीनगाड़ नामक स्थान के लिये एक योजना केन्द्रीय सरकार ने स्वीकार की थी। उसके लिये राज्य विद्युत बोर्ड ने धन भी स्वीकृत किया था। अभी तक वह कार्य प्रारंभ भी नहीं हुआ है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इस जनपद तथा अल्मोड़ा की माइक्रो हाईड्रिल योजनायें स्वीकृति हेतु ऊर्जा मंत्रालय को प्रस्तावित की हैं, जिनकी स्वीकृति अभी अपेक्षित है।

अतः मेरा माननीय ऊर्जा मंत्री जी से निवेदन कि सिद्धांत रूप में जल विद्युत उत्पादन की योजनाओं के निर्माण को महत्व प्रदान करें तथा उत्तर प्रदेश के विद्युत मंत्री जी से वार्ता कर पिथौरागढ़ जिले की जल विद्युत क्षमता के उपयोग के लिये कोई दीर्घकालीन योजना तैयार करें।

(iv) Development of Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh as a place of tourist attraction.

SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA (Vidisha): Sir, in my Parliamentary constituency Vidisha, 'Sachi' is a tourists spot of International importance where every year hundreds of foreign tourists come to see the famous Sanchi stupa, 'Jatka' stories of Budha's era and historical arts of Ashoka's time. There is a configuration of Indian history, culture, religion and art at Sanchi and because of it Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, had great love for this place and he has done a lot for the development of Sanchi and Vidisha but development of this place has almost stopped. In spite of its being in the National Tourism Map, there are no hotels for the tourists, no restaurant for meals, lack of adequate arrangements

for drinking water at Stupa Hill, no means of motor transport to the Stupa on the hill. No special schemes are being started for the development of Sanchi by Central Tourism Department, State Tourism Department and Central Department of Archaeology. The State Government has promised to constitute a special area development authority for the development of Sanchi and prepared a master plan of approximately 1 crore of rupees, but there is no progress in this Plan till now.

It is my request to the Union Tourism Minister that the plans for the development of Sanchi may be implemented expeditiously. There should be a tourism centre at Vidisha where the tourists should get all the information and transport facilities. In view of the increasing number of tourists, arrangement of Mini-buses and tourist taxis is necessary.

It is requested that Government will take action in this regard.

(v) Need to protect fishermen on the Ramanathapuram and Rameshwaram Coastline of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. S. K. SATHIYENDRAN (Ramanathapuram): It is common knowledge that our fishermen are harassed on the Ramanathapuram and Rameshwaram coast of Tamil Nadu. With the Kaccha-Thivu having been handed over to Sri Lanka, the patrolling of Sri Lanka Navy on Ramanathapuram coast has increased in intensity. It is necessary to give protection to these helpless fishermen by our Indian Coast Guard Organisation. This Organisation has got some worn-out vessels for patrolling. They are not able to extend protection to the fishermen. The Indian Coast Guard Organisation has proposals to acquire helicopters to patrol serially the exclusive economic zone of 320 KMs.

There is no emergency airstrip in Uchipuli, 25 Km. from Ramanathapuram. This should be developed for the purpose of assisting the Indian