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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the acquisition and transfer of the undertakings of the Brentford Electric (India) Limited, with a view to securing the proper management of such undertakings so as to subserve the interests of the general public by ensuring the continued manufacture and production of electrical equipments which are essential to the needs of the economy of the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

The Motion was adopted.

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA : Sir, I introduce** the Bill.

14.37 hrs.

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(i) Demand for a T.V. Relay Station at Amreli

SHRI NAVIN RAVANI (Amreli) : In this Science age the country has progressed in every walk of life. Today, T.V. plays an important role in human life. Through this media, we can watch things while sitting at our home. In our country, 70 per cent of the population lives in the villages. So, T.V. is the most popular, effective and useful media to keep rural population informed in the economic, social and cultural fields at distant places in the entire country. Still, our rural population is quite ignorant about the latest advancement of the modern age. The introduction of T.V. in the in-

terior rural population can help in increasing agricultural production. It can raise the standard of living of our rural masses. It is the wish of our Hon'ble Prime Minister that emphasis should be laid on uplifting the rural masses by way of giving them full knowledge and information through this media.

It is learnt that Rajkot is being made a T.V. station. As Rajkot is away from surrounding rural and backward areas of Amreli, it will not be of much use to the rural masses of this area. The Government is, therefore, earnestly requested to find out possibilities of opening a T.V. Relay station at Amreli through the proposed wide band microwave system in the interest and welfare of the rural masses.

(ii) Making adequate arrangements for purchase of Paddy in Bihar

श्री इमर लाल बैठा (अररिया) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, बिहार के पूर्णियां, सहर्षा एवं कई अन्य जिलों में धान के बाजार मूल्य में अप्रत्याशित गिरावट आ गई है। अभी बाजार में 107 रुपये से 112 रुपये तक प्रति क्विंटल में धान किसानों को बिक्री करना पड़ता है। किसानों को धान के बाद भी दूसरी फसल गेहूं की खेती में अभी खाद, पानी, कीटनाशक दवाइयों तथा अन्य वस्तुओं की व्यवस्था हेतु धन की आवश्यकता है, जिस हेतु धान की बिक्री करना उनके लिए आवश्यक हो गया है।

सरकार ने धान का खरीद मूल्य 145 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल निर्धारित किया है। परन्तु, सरकार खरीद मूल्य की तुलना में बाजार में धान का मूल्य इतना गिरने पर भी सरकार की ओर से खरीदगी का कोई प्रयत्न अभी तक नहीं किया जा सका है जिसके कारण किसानों को बड़ी आर्थिक क्षति उठानी पड़ती है।

धान की बिक्री करना उनके लिए मजबूरी है क्योंकि उन्हें अगली फसल के लिए धन की व्यवस्था करनी है। इस मजबूरी के चलते सरकारी आश्वा-

**Introduced with the recommendation of the President.