

(iii) NEED TO DEVELOP SRINAGAR AIRPORT AS AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ORDER TO GIVE MOMENTUM TO TOURIST TRADE

SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI (SRINAGAR) : Srinagar airport has been expanded and renovated in the recent past in order to cope progressively with the tourist rush from within and outside the country. The airport receives a number of flights from Delhi including that of one 'airbus' flight during summer. Its unique geographical importance beside being on the fringe of Northern and North-Western borders of India facing Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, China and Russia, Srinagar can operate non-stop international flights to Kabul, Tashkent, Rawalpindi, etc. and can be easily linked with the oil-rich Gulf countries. Srinagar, the capital of Jammu and Kashmir State is a stepping stone to the beautiful valley of Kashmir. With this, a direct trade link with outside world can enhance the marketing of Kashmiri handicrafts which shall boost the earnings in foreign exchange in this sector. An international airport at Srinagar shall help also in exporting the delicate fruit like apple, cherry, apricot etc. worth crores of rupees to the Middle-East and this shall in a way overcome the difficulties in its transportation to Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta. Lack of transport often results in the decay of fruits and amounts to great losses in money every year.

Thus, if Srinagar is developed as an international airport it shall give great momentum to the tourist trade of the country in general and that of the J&K State in particular, which shall result in a great stride and boost to our national income.

(iv) DEVELOPMENT OF OLLICHIKI SCRIPT AND LANGUAGE IN ORISSA.

SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ) : The total population of Santali, Munda, Ho and Mundari

Tribes in Orissa, Assam, Bihar and West Bengal is about 3 crores. A serious discontent has arisen among them as there is no provision in these States for imparting education to the tribal students through their mother tongue.

The languages which are spoken by these tribals are expressed through Ollichiki script. Mayurbhanj district of Orissa is predominantly inhabited by tribals. This is a border district of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal. The Santali language is widely spoken by tribals in this district whose population is more than 10 lakhs.

The Government of India has taken several steps for the development of regional languages. But the Ollichiki script has not been properly developed and patronised by the Government of India. The concerned Governments also have not taken any steps for the improvement of the Ollichiki script. Unless immediate attention is paid to improve the Ollichiki script, the tribals speaking this language will be very much agitated. Therefore, this issue deserves the special attention of the Government of India.

In view of this, I demand the Government of India, to make all possible efforts for the development of the Ollichiki script and the language without any further delay.

(v) NEED FOR PROVIDING THE 'WAR EXERCISES WIDOWS', WITH THE SAME FACILITIES AS ARE BEING GIVEN TO THE WAR WIDOWS.

प्रो० निर्मला कुमारी शक्तावत (चित्तौड़गढ़) : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं मंत्रालय का ध्यान युद्ध अभ्यास (वार एक्सरसाइज) में प्रति वर्ष जो व्यक्ति मरते हैं, उन मृत व्यक्तियों के परिवार की समस्याओं की तरफ आकर्षित करना चाहूँगी। जिस परिवार का व्यक्ति देश की सीमाओं की रक्षा की खातिर सेना में मरती होता है