345 Matter under 13.50 hrs.

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(ii) NEED TO PROTECT AMVAKHAS AND LEELKAR VILLAGES OF DEORIA AND BALIA DISTRICTS OF U.P. FROM RAPID SOIL EROSION

श्री रामनगीना मिश्र (सलेमपुर) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं नियम 377 के प्रधीन सूचना देना चाहता हूं कि देवरिया तथा वलिया जनपद जो यू ० पी० में स्थित है, बूड़ी गण्डक तथा सरज्का कटाव बड़ी तेजी से हो रहा है। गण्डक नदी भ्रमवाखास के पास लगभग 900 घर काट चुकी है। हजारों ग्रादमी भूखों मर रहे हैं । ठीक उसी तरह लोलकर गांव भी कट रहा है। श्रगर श्रविलम्ब इन दो नों गांवों को बचाने की व्यवस्था नहीं की गई तो ये दोनों गांव जिन की माबादी ऋमशः 24 हजार तथा 4 हजार की है, कट कर के गण्डक ग्रीर सरजु में विलीन हो जायेंगे। सरकारी सहायता नगण्य है। श्रविलम्ब राज्य सरकार को इस वात का निर्देश दिया जाए कि वह उसका उचित प्रवन्ध करे।

13.52 hrs.

[SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL in the Chair]

(iii) NEED TO CONVERT JAGANNATH TRUNK ROAD INTO A NATIONAL HIGH-WAY.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balasora): I beg to submit to you the following matter of urgent public importance under Rule 377.

After completion of the Subarnarekha all-weather bridge going to be completed soon which is constructed on a central government loan of a crore of rupees, the distance from Calcutta to Orissa will be reduced by 86 km. than that of the distance by National Highways 5 and 6 which is the only route by road. So, to save time, fuel consumption and wear and tear etc. all the vehicular traffic now plying in thousands an hour on National Highways will be plying over the road from Kharagpur to Balasore which is known as Jagannath Trunk Road, constructed at the time of the Maratha rule, to connect Puri, the place of great Lord Jagannath with Calcutta, the place of Goddess Kali, now named as M.D.R. 74, by which the entire road from Kharagpur to Balasore will be torn in pieces and the culverts and bridges which were constructed more than hundred years back which are either in a dilapidated condition or in broken stages, will totally collapse, since the materials and specifications of this road and the width of this road are much less than the specifications and breadth of the National High Way. So the Orissa government has moved the centre several times to convert this portion of the road i.e. from Kharagpur to Balasore in Orissa, as a national highway which will cost only Rs. 4.28 crores but which will result in a net saving of Rs. 1 crore every year which is being spent at present towards fuel, wear and tear, etc. The Central Government has so far not given any consent to the proposal of the State Government which is causing frustration among the people of Orissa. Apart from this, if the entire vehicular traffic is diverted to this Jagannath Trunk road, the road is likely to suffer damages and ruination.

Considering all these aspects, I very humbly request the central Government to convert this Jagannath trunk road into a National Highway to save the annual wastage of national wealth of Rs. 1 crore.

(iv) REPORTED SERIOUS SITUATION IN DANDAKARANYA PROJECT AREA IN MADHYA PRADESH BECAUSE OF FRICTION BETWEEN TRIBALS AND REFUGEE SETTLERS.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HAL-DER (Durgapur): Sir, I want to raise