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MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to Conduct further research for developing Solar Energy.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU (Chittoor): I am glad that our Government has taken up the development of Solar Energy in right earnest and has almost succeeded in converting Solar Energy into heat and light and in its storage. The Government also succeeded in making cookers, heaters, dryers and cold storage devices run by solar energy. It has also succeeded in running radios, T.Vs and telephones by Solar Energy. I have to say that a revolution is in the offing in this respect but there is a necessity to make some improvements in its technology so as to help the people and the agriculturists. Without frying, cooking is not complete. Therefore, the Government should undertake research in the matter of frying vegetables and other things by solar energy.

At present, the cost of electricity is very heavy and it is becoming very difficult to get electrical energy for agricultural purposes. It is a happy thing to note that our Government made a break-through in inventing a solar pump set. But it is useful only to the wells which are having a depth of 8 metres only. The area with wells of such a depth is very limited in our country and, if we have to replace diesel engines by engines run by solar energy, we have to invent a pump which can lift water in the wells up to a depth of 150 feet.

I, therefore, request our Government to instruct the technological department to conduct researches in these directions.

(ii) Demand for a T.V. Centre at Allahabad for the Coverage of fourth Commemorative—Kumbh fair

श्री कृष्ण प्रताप तिवारी (इलाहाबाद): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित विषय की

श्रीर नियम 377 के तहत मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान आकर्षित करता हूँ।

अगले वर्ष 1982 में प्रयाग इलाहाबाद में अर्धकुम्भ मेला जनवरी एवं फरवरी में होने वाला है, जिस में लगभग 50 लाख से अधिक तीर्थ यात्रियों जिस में बालक तथा वृद्ध हैं, आने की संभावना है।

इलाहाबाद का अतीत में देश की राजनीति, शिक्षा तथा धार्मिक क्षेत्र में बड़ा महत्व रहा है तथा आज भी है। इलाहाबाद स्थित स्वराज्य भवन एवं आनन्द भवन से ही देश की आजादी की लड़ाई लड़ी गई थी, किन्तु आज इलाहाबाद उपेक्षित होता जा रहा है।

इलाहाबाद अभी टी० वी० मानचित्र पर नहीं है। अर्धकुम्भ मेला में यदि टी० वी० का प्रबन्ध इलाहाबाद में कर दिया जाए तथा माघ मेला स्थल में जगह-जगह टेलीविजन सेट लगा दिए जायें तो सुदूर अंचलों से आने वाले को काफी जानकारी शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य कृषि एवं परिवार नियोजन आदि प्रोग्रामों के बारे में मिल सकती है, जो जनहित में होगा।

दिल्ली से इलाहाबाद के लिए नियमित वायुसेवा भी नहीं है। सप्ताह में मात्र तीन-दिन हैं, उसे भी पूरे सप्ताह करना अति लोक महत्व का प्रश्न है।

(iii) Crisis in Carpet Industry of Mirzapur Bhadohi area in Uttar Pradesh.

श्री उमाकान्त मिश्र (मिर्जापुर): अध्यक्ष महोदय, निम्नलिखित विषय की श्रीर मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान नियम 377 के तहत आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ:

उत्तर प्रदेश का मिर्जापुर भदोही क्षेत्र कालीन उद्योग का प्रमुख केन्द्र है। लगभग पांच लाख लोगों को इस उद्योग में रोजगार मिलता है। उत्तर प्रदेश में सर्वाधिक विदेशी

मुद्रा का अर्जन इस उद्योग से होता है। जर्मनी कालोन का मुख्य बाजार है। जर्मन मुद्रा के अवमूल्यन के कारण कालोन के छोटे निर्यातकर्ताओं तथा कालोन निर्माताओं के कालोन की बिक्री रुक गई है। कामत नहीं मिल रही है। कालोन उद्योग संकट में है। इसे संकट से उबारने के लिए सरकार छोटे निर्यातकर्ताओं तथा कालोन निर्माताओं का माल खरीदने की व्यवस्था करे और बूनकरों को साधन-साधन की व्यवस्था करके उनसे कालोन का निर्माण कराकर उन का माल स्वयं खरीदने के केन्द्र स्थापित करे।

(iv) Need to increase the range of Radio Station Ratnagiri.

SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR (Ratnagiri): The Radio Station installed at Ratnagiri has been broadcasting for the past few years. At the time of the installation of this Radio Station it was meant for the entire Konkan region comprising of Ratnagiri, Thane and Sindhudurg. The present range of the Station is so limited that the programmes do not cover areas beyond 30 Kms. The purpose for which this Station was installed has been defeated. Repeated demands have been made by the Radio Licence holders from Thane, Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri to increase the range.

I, therefore, request the Minister to look into this inadequacy of the Radio Station at Ratnagiri and increase the range to enable the Radio Listeners to take advantage and thus fulfil the demand of the Konkan region.

(v) Central Assistance of West Bengal Government for Compensating cultivators for loss of their crops due to pest and drought.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA (Tamluk): A large number of aman cultivators of Midnapore, Purulia, Bankura, Howrah, Bidbhum, 24 Parganas, Hooghly and other districts in the State

of West Bengal are facing tremendous hardship due to the loss of crops caused by current spell of drought and attacks of 'tungro virus'. The wide-spread viral pest attack and drought conditions have destroyed aman crop in more than 700,000 hectares in West Bengal.

More than 4.2 million hectares had been brought under aman cultivation this year, in West Bengal, of which crop on 200,000 hectares had been destroyed by virus attack and 500,000 hectares by drought. The damage caused by drought might be more than what had been initially estimated by the Agricultural Department of the Government of West Bengal.

The State Government of West Bengal has decided to provide input loans of Rs. 5.5 crores to the cultivators affected during the aman season. A special cell under the State Government had been set up to launch a campaign in rural areas to educate farmers on how to fight the 'tungro virus' attack during the next Kharif season. The State Government had also decided to reduce water cess for minor irrigation by 50 per cent during the rabi season.

But this is not enough, efforts on the part of the State Government are not sufficient. Efforts on an emergency footing are necessary to compensate the peasants for their loss of production.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to come forward with an open mind and political will to give all possible help to the State Government to save the situation. I demand immediate release of sufficient food-grains and money to introduce massive programmes of 'Food for Work' and 'National Rural Employment Programme'.

(vi) Need for Central intervention to enable workers to take over management of Binny Government Factory, Bangalore.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur): There one hundred years old Binny Ltd. had set up an export oriented Binny Garment factory in