(viii) EARLY COMPLETION OF BAVANTHADI IRRIGATION AND OTHER PROJECTS

श्री केशवराव पारधी (भंडारा) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, बावनथडी नदी पर सीतेकसा गांव के पास महाराष्ट्र और मध्य प्रदेश शासन की संयुक्त सिंचाई परियोजना का कार्य कई वर्षों से यानी फारेस्ट अमेंडमेंट बिल पास होने से पहले चालू था ऐसी ही महाराष्ट्र में कई सिंचाई योजनायें हैं जिनके कार्य चालू थे लेकिन इन उत्पादक योजनाओं के काम भी फारेस्ट की कटाई के लिये मंजूरी वास्ते बन्द पड़े हैं। जब कि आदरणीया प्रधान मंत्री ने भी 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत सिंचाई जैसे उत्पादक योजना के बाबत जल्द पूरा करने पर जोर दिया है।

बावनथडी सिंचाई योजना जहां हो रही है उस भाग में वर्षा ठीक से न होने की वजह से हर वर्ष सूखे की परिस्थिति रहती है और किसान भारी परेशानी में रहते हैं। इस वर्ष भी भंडारा जिले में पूरी तरह सूखा है। उसी तरह योजना की लागत भी देरी की वजह से बढ़ती जाती है।

इस वास्ते सरकार से मेरा निवेदन है कि डी-फारेस्टेशन वास्ते उन सिंचाई योजनाओं को मुक्त किया जावे जो कि फारेस्ट बिल पास होने के पहले से चालू थीं जिससे बावनथडी सिंचाई योजना जैसी योजनायें जल्दी से पूरी हो कर किसानों को फायदा मिले और देश का उत्पादन बढ़ाने में मदद मिले।

(ix) SHIFTING OF DIVISIONAL OFFICES OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA FROM CALCUTTA.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, it is a matter of grave concern that efforts are being made by the Government of India to reduce the importance of the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India which is situated at Calcutta, by shifting various units and offices of the Geological Survey of India from Calcutta.

In the recent past, the Field Technique Research Institutte of Geological Survey of India was shifted from Calcutta to Bangalore, in spite of the protests made by the Chief Minister of West Bengal. The Regional Office of its Training Institute, which was also situated in Calcutta, was subsequently shifted to Hyderabad with effect from April 1, 1982. Now a proposal has been mooted to shift the Coal Division of GSI on the plea of alleged decentralisation as also the offshore Mineral Exploration and Marine Geology Division of GSI from Calcutta. Both the Divisions have been functioning efficiently from the headquarters at Calcutta and its present setup has been found to be more suitable for coal investigation and offshore mineral exploration respectively. The former Chief Geologist and the Director of Drilling of Central Mines Planning and Design Institute as also the Deputy Director General, Coal Division of GSI have objected to the proposed decentralisation and have stated that the same would very adversely affect the work of the Organisation and the Coal Industry in general.

It will be equally detrimental to the Oceanographic Research and Offshore Mineral Exploration if the Regional Office of the Shore Mineral Exploration and Marine Geology Division is shifted from its location at Calcutta.

In view of the above, when both the Coal Division and Offshore Mineral Exploration and Marine Geology Division have assumed great importance, the calculated efforts to shift these Divisions from Calcutta are alarming and the Government should give up the proposal.

14.55 hrs.

DRUGS AND COSMETICS (AMENDMENT) BILL

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Mr. Deputy-Speaker,