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vernment for clearing the third and the fourth units of the Raichur Thermal Power Project is delayed further, it will deteriorate the position.

Therefore, I appeal and request the Hon'ble Minister to kindly consider this aspect urgently and take a final decision without any further delay.

I may also state that the Karnataka State has a strong case for setting up an atomic power plant which is being considered by the Government.

I hope and trust that the Central Government will see the urgency of the case and take immediate necessary measures.

(ii) **Early Clearance by Central Government of the Silent Valley Hydro-Electric Project to Overcome the Power Shortage in Kerala**

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARADHAVAN (Palghat)* : The Government of Kerala has submitted a new proposal regarding the Silent Valley hydro-electric project. According to this new proposal, there will be no reservoir at Silent Valley and the water from Silent Valley will be diverted to Kerala Bhawani river and it will be stored in a reservoir to be built there.

This proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala goes a long way in meeting the objection raised by the environmentalists namely that if a reservoir is built at Silent Valley it will inundate a part of the evergreen forest. The question of Silent Valley hydro-electric project assumes very great importance in the context of alarming power shortage being experienced in Kerala. The Malabar region of Kerala is the worst hit due to power-cut. Silent Valley project is the only major hydro-electric project which can meet fully the power requirements of Malabar region.

In view of the urgency of the problem and also in view of the eminently practical approach adopted in the new proposal submitted by Kerala, I would request the Government to clear this project as quickly as possible.

(iii) **Need for taking over the Laksar and Iqual Pur Sugar Mills by Government for their proper functioning**

श्री जगपाल सिंह (हरिद्वार) : मेरे संसदीय क्षेत्र हरिद्वार की दो चीनी मिलें हैं जिनके नाम लक्सर व इकवालपुर शुगर फैक्ट्री से जाने जाते हैं। पिछले कई वर्षों से ये बीमार चल रही हैं। किसानों के बार-बार मांग करने पर भी ये फैक्ट्रियां सरकार द्वारा अधिग्रहण नहीं की गईं। यही नहीं, इनकी कार्य-पद्धति में भी कोई सुधार नहीं किया गया जिसके कारण किसानों को बहुत दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। किसान फैक्ट्रियों की खराबी के कारण एक-एक सप्ताह तक गेट पर बोगी लेकर खड़े रहते हैं, लेकिन गन्ने की तुलाई नहीं की जाती है।

गत चालू सत्र में करीब एक करोड़ रुपये के गन्ने के रस को इकवालपुर शुगर फैक्ट्री की नाली में बहाया गया जो आज भी नालियों में सड़ा हुआ देखा जा सकता है। यह देश का नुकसान है।

अतः मैं सरकार से मांग करता हूँ कि इन दोनों चीनी मिलों का अगले चालू सीजन से पहले अधिग्रहण करे।

(iv) **Need to Introduce a Direct Train between Koraput and Bhubaneshwar**

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI (Bhubaneshwar) : Koraput is a predominantly tribal district in Orissa. It is the second largest district in area in India. It has bountry of natural

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resources and all the river valley projects to generate power in Orissa are located in the district, except one. New industries like the Alumina/Aluminium complex of the NALCO are being set up in the district besides HAL. The construction activities and normal traffic of the district to the State capital have generated considerable demand for movement. This has affected mobility and pace of progress. It is therefore necessary that the Railway administration should introduce a through train between Koraput and Bhubaneswar over the K.K. line or least to provide minimum direct rail travel facilities between Koraput and Bhubaneswar—the State capital.

It is an important and growing demand and the Railways should concede this very early.

(v) **Financial Assistance to Orissa for Implementing of Scheme to Tackle the Problem of Shifting Cultivation in Orissa**

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN (Keonjhar)* : Shifting cultivation is one of the major problems in Orissa. Out of 13 districts, 9 districts are predominantly affected by shifting cultivation covering 32.7 thousand sq. kms.

A Central scheme was introduced to tackle this problem, but subsequently discontinued after 1978 on the pretext of financial stringency. Therefore, it was transferred to the State sector. In 1982, the Centre realised the problems of the State and again wanted to revive the scheme in the Central sector. It has been decided by the Centre to provide 50 per cent grant to the State of Orissa for implementing the scheme.

Since there are several constraints in the State's resources, it is not possible on the part of the State Government to finance 50 per cent of funds for implementing the scheme. The implementation of the scheme will ex-

clusively benefit the tribal people of the State. As the Centre frequently refers to the problems of the tribals in the country, it will be fit and proper to sanction the full cost of the scheme.

In view of this I request the concerned Minister to consider this genuine request of the Government of Orissa and give full financial assistance to the State for implementing the scheme as it was being done earlier.

(vi) **Haryana Unit of National Fertilizers of India**

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER (Durgapur) : The Haryana unit of National Fertiliser Corporation in Panipat is very vital for the agricultural sector. More so for Haryana which has been producing surplus food-grains. It is unfortunate that as a result of persistent deterioration of industrial relations particularly in respect of reinstatement of nine contractor workers the industrial peace in this unit has been disturbed. It is imperative that the industrial relations in this unit are restored to normalcy.

I would request the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers to look into the matter and see that the fertiliser unit in Panipat in the public sector is freed from strained labour relations.

(vii) **Congratulations to Indian Cricket Team for Winning the World Prudential Cricket Cup**

SHRI N.K. SHEJWALKAR (Gwalior) : Congratulations to the Indian Cricket Team headed by Captain Kapil Dev for bringing unprecedented glory to India by winning the World Prudential Cricket Cup.

(Viii) **Demamnd for Restoration of Madras-Bombay Janata Express**

DR. A. KALANIDHI (Madras Central) : The Madras-Bombay Janata Express was introduced years back, taking into consideration the heavy traffic that was moving between Madras

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