

is the capital of Andhra Pradesh, which is very old and traditional one. It is known for hospitality. Now this city is celebrating its 400th anniversary. Due to increasing population nearing to 40 lakhs, the minimum development facilities have not been provided for want of funds. The people of Hyderabad are facing severe water shortage, drainage, traffic, pollution problems on this suspicious occasion. I appeal to the Union Government to upgrade Hyderabad Corporation into a "Metropolitan City." For this development Rs. 1000 crores should be provided for the slum clearance programme and circular Railway line.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dattaraya, whatever is approved by the Speaker will go on record.

(v) Need to include Agra into National Capital Region and to declare it as an international tourist city

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Agra environmental pollution is caused by flaring of surplus gas by Mathura Refinery and by numerous vehicles that pass through different National Highways passing through Agra and by various types of smokes caused by burning of cowdung cakes, wood and coal etc. But the Central Government had put a ban on setting up of foundries and other industries since 1983 in the name of pollution control instead of making an alternative arrangement to check pollution, whereas foundries and other industries are prepared to instal pollution control equipments for checking the pollution. There is no proposal for setting up of any major industry in public or private sector in Agra. Owing to this, the youths of Agra are facing the problem of acute unemployment.

Agra has become international tourist centre due to Taj Mahal and

other historical places. Mostly tourists coming from abroad as well as domestic tourists visit Agra in large numbers. But it is not adequately linked with different metropolitan cities by rail and air. There is no air transport facility available for the purpose of exporting the products of small scale industries from Agra. Even the telephone service is in a very bad condition.

Agra is situated near Delhi. Agra can help decongest Delhi's population provided it is included in the National Capital Region.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to include Agra in the National Capital Region and declare it as an International Tourist City and make all round development of Agra accordingly.

(vi) Need to declare Jajpur in Orissa as a place of tourist importance

[English]

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS (Jajpur): Jajpur is an ancient town in Orissa. It is famous for Baitarani tirth. Besides Daswahmedh Ghat, Parah, Biraja temple, thousands of Shiv Temples are located in that town. Every year thousands of people go there to offer *pind* in river Baitarani which is situated beside the town. Despite all these, Jajpur town has not been formally declared as a place of national tourists importance. Therefore, I request that this old town Jajpur be declared as place of tourists importance without any further delay. Also steps should immediately be taken for the proper conservation and renovation of the ancient monuments located there.

(vii) Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal to face the grave situation caused by gastroenteritis.

SHRI PALAS BARMAN (Balurghat): I would like to bring to your