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- (i) **Need to take steps to tackle drought situation in Anantpur District, Andhra Pradesh.**

[English]

SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI (Hindupur): Anantapur district is a drought prone area. This year in Anantapur district, particularly in Hindupur parliamentary constituency, rainfall has been very less. In many places, farmers have not sown the seed. Of the sown seed, 50 per cent has not germinated due to lack of moisture. Drinking water, employment generation and fodder to the animals have become scarce. Massive migration of the labour is taking place. Hence I request the Central Government to take up immediate measures in this regard.

- (ii) **Need to set up colleges in Ponta Sahab and Arki and other districts of Himachal Pradesh.**

[Translation]

SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI (Shimla): Mr. Chairman, Sir, there has been a considerable expansion of educational facility in Himachal Pradesh. Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools have been opened at different places and moreover, Engineering and Medical Colleges have also been opened besides setting up three universities. There was an announcement to open four colleges and several Senior Secondary Schools for the girl students who were earlier not able to travel distant places in order to receive higher education. Notification in the gazettee for this purpose was also made. Later on, notification in regard to those colleges and Senior Secondary Schools was withdrawn. The State Government had issued a notification to open a college in Ponta Sahib in my constituency, but this has not been done so far. Moreover, a notification was also issued to open a college in Arki in Solan district. There is no college in that Tahsil. Two more colleges were to be opened in two other districts. There was also a notification in that regard; but there also it was not done.

I would, therefore, like to submit to the union Government that in pursuance of the earlier notifications colleges should be opened in Ponta Sahib and Arki and the two more colleges, as notified earlier, should also be opened in different districts.

- (iii) **Need to set up a Cancer Institute at Rourkela, Orissa.**

[English]

KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO (Sundargarh): I wish to draw the attention of the Government on the alarming rate of increase of cancer patients in Orissa. Sir, according to the survey report of Orissa branch of the Indian Cancer Society, there are over 45,000 cancer patients in Orissa. Out of this, 20,000 of them suffer from mouth cancer with the afflicted lower jaw. They are mostly seen in the districts of Ganjam, Puri, Cuttack and Balasore. This is due to prolonged habit of chewing pan. Similarly, about 25,000 people are suffering from cervix cancer which is most common among the tribals in the districts of Sundargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Koraput. This is because of early coitus, poor post-natal care and multiple deliveries. This requires an awareness among the tribals to change their traditional social customs detrimental to their health.

I, therefore, appeal to the Central Government to set up a Cancer Institute at Rourkela in the district of Sundargarh in Orissa. This will save the lives of thousands of people dying of cancer.

- (iv) **Need to set up J.K. Petro-Chemical Plant at Hathras, U.P.**

[Translation]

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras): Mr. Chairman, Sir, 4-5 years ago an announcement was made to set up one J.K. Petro-Chemicals Project in Salempur that falls under Aligarh region of my Hathras Parliamentary Constituency. Necessary Survey for starting work was also done. The outcome of the survey has been found positive. Approval to this project was given with the provision that the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Union Government would work together on the project so that the project might be ready