

Mr. Speaker, Sir, even drinking water is not available in that area. So the Government should make arrangements for drinking water. Apart from this arrangement, they should be given old age pensions also. Together with this, I would also like to request that the programme 'food for work' should be started there, so that the people in that area should not die of starvation. I understand that this is the only area in India, where people die of hunger. That is why it is my request that the Indian Government should immediately make such an arrangement by which people should not die of hunger with these words, I conclude my speech.

[English]

SHRIS. MALLIKARJUNAIAH (Tumkur): There is acute problem of drinking water in the districts of Tumkur, Kolar, Bangalore (Rural), Bidar and Bellary, in Karnataka. I request the Central Government to come forward to solve the problem.

Electricity supply is also equally very bad and some of the projects for generating electricity have been pending with the Central Government. Those projects may kindly be sanctioned and expedited.

Thirdly, for drip irrigation we have demanded Rs. 6 crores but only Rs. 5 lakhs has been released. Since there is no rain there is also widespread famine and the people are suffering. I request that the amount sought for drip irrigation may be released immediately.

For flood relief some amount was promised. But that amount has not been released in full. I request that the full amount may be released.

Lastly, as the hon. Minister for Telecommunications is here I would like to mention that he was kind enough to agree to instal a C-DOT telephone exchange at

Tumkur. But the work on it is proceeding slowly. I request him to kindly speed up the matter.

Finally, about 290 Census workers are on a hunger strike in Karnataka as they were going to be retrenched. I request that they may be allowed to continue in their jobs.

SHRI RUP CHAND MARMU (JHARGRAM): Sir, the Jhargram Dahigury road crossing the Howrah- Bombay rail line on the South Eastern Railway at a place near Jhargram Railway Station needs a fly-over immediately because hundreds and hundreds of motor vehicles, such as trucks, buses, cars three wheelers, auto-rickshaws, etc. and bicycles and carts ply over the junction every day. Besides that thousands of people walk over the place day and night. But there being no fly-over the railway crossing has become very hazardous for the rural people who are mostly Adivasis. Every year eight to ten people on an average face the tragic end of their lives. They are run over by the trains. Many cattle also became victims because of the running trains every year.

Under these circumstances, I would urge upon the Central Government to look in to the matter urgently and expedite the construction of a fly-over at the aforesaid junction.

[Translation]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): Mr. speaker, through you I like to draw the attention of the honorable Agriculture Minister that the Agriculture Ministry, set up Agro Science Centres in Various districts of the country through the Council of Agriculture Research, but today the situation of these Agro Science Centres has so worsened that they are not able to make available information about researches and new technology to agriculturalists. A