

[Sh. Krishan Dutt Sultanpuri]

those areas which have been declared remote area.

I demand that every employee in Himachal Pradesh, whether is a Central Government employee, be given Remote Area Allowance and accommodation facility at the place of posting.

- (vi) **Need to construct a railway over-bridge at railway crossing in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh**

[Translation]

DR. P.R. GANGWAR (Pilibhit): The railway crossing in Pilibhit is surrounded by four sugar mills, rice mill, oil mill and the Mandi Samiti. There is 24 hour traffic on this railway crossing and all modes of transport like bus, truck, tractor, cycle or rickshaw use it. When the trains come, the crossing is closed for a long time and as a result there is heavy traffic jam. There is every possibility of an accident there. Keeping in view the traffic congestion on this crossing, there is need for constructing an over-bridge here.

Therefore, I urge the Central Government to immediately construct an over-bridge on this railway crossing keeping in view the hardships being faced by people of the area.

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Ministry of Food  
and  
Ministry of Rural Development -  
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[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House will now take up further discussion on the Demands for Grants of the Ministries of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Item Nos. 11 to 13 together. Shri Sobha-

nadreeswara Rao Vadde to continue his speech.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Mr. Deputy - Speaker, Sir, because of the inadequate funding made for the development of rural areas and the gross negligence on the part of the successive Governments, today, it is very pathetic to find that nearly one lakh villages are yet to be electrified; more than a quarter of the villages are yet to be provided with road facilities; nearly 75,000 villages do not have an elementary school to cater to the educational needs of the children of such villages. More than 65 per cent of the villages are not yet covered under the veterinary care. Even after a decade of giving such priority to provide drinking water to the rural people, still there are several thousands of villages which are yet to be provided with safe drinking water. The other day, this Government has named the scheme of providing drinking water to the villages after our late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. His name was associated with that.

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This shows to what extent the successive Governments have neglected the villages and the rural people. Unfortunately, from the Second Five Year Plan the Government was giving much importance to industries. They thought even without the agricultural development, the country can go ahead in the industrial sphere to provide employment to millions of people and improve the standard of living of this vast millions of our people in this country. But it proved wrong. While in the First Five Year Plan, allocation for agriculture was nearly 15 per cent, it came down to mere six per cent in the Seventh Plan. Similarly, for irrigation, which is a must for the agricultural development, in the First Five Year Plan, 22 per cent of the outlays were allocated for irrigation development. But it came down to 9.4 per cent in the