

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to remind the hon. Minister of the speech made by our Prime Minister in the National Environmental Commission which was held 10 years back and she had given much more importance to Chilka lake. I would like to put one question to the hon. Minister. He was telling, due to shortage of funds, we are not able to provide youth hostels and other facilities. Can he tell us, what is the total amount of allocation made for his Ministry during the last two years and whether all the money has been spent or has not been spent? I want to know this information categorically, although Ministry is looking at Orissa in a step-motherly way.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** Sir, I would like to assure the hon. Member that Orissa has got its more than due share and whatever the amount was allocated for the building of the youth hostel...

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** What is the total allocation?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** The total allocation to the whole Ministry was only Rs. 25 crores. We have utilised major portion of allocation. Since this is the last year of the plan, we are going to utilise it.

As far as the Chilka Lake is concerned, we think that we have to do something for Chilka Lake in totality. Therefore, we have asked the Town and Country Planning Department to conduct a comprehensive survey of the Chilka Lake in order to provide necessary facilities and attraction at Chilka Lake so that the Chilka Lake becomes a very important tourist attraction centre.

**MR. SPEAKER :** At least, I command the hon. Member Chakraborty to

**MR. CHAKRABORTY :** Sir, Chilka Lake

is famous for fishing. So, let the hostel be completed.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** But unfortunately in Chilka Lake by using fishing boats, the birds are disturbed.

**Panic Among Villagers of Andhra Pradesh Due to Bursting Sound of Dynamite with Minor Earthquakes**

\*458. **SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that for the last two months daily once or twice a big sound like dynamite burst is coming with minor earthquakes in villages Bijjur, Kothal Gaon, Badul Goan of Madhol Tehsil, District Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh and walls and roofs of certain houses have developed cracks;

(b) if so, whether this has created panic amongst the villagers and they are confused whether to stay or to vacate the villages;

(c) if so, whether any team of experts has been sent to study the situation, if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to study the situation to ascertain whether there is any danger to the life and property of those villagers; and

(e) whether Government propose to get vacated those villages immediately after paying suitable compensation to them.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) :** (a) to (e) A

statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is understandable anxiety in the minds of the people regarding their stay in the villages.

(c) On the request of the Collector, Adilabad, the Director, National Geophysical Research Institute had deputed a team of scientists to the area. The preliminary results of tremors from one or two increased to 10 or more in the later half of July, 1984. Frequency has decreased in August 1984.

(d) and (e) The area lies in the seismic zone I where major earthquakes are not expected. The present level of minor seismic activity according to the assessment of the scientists of the National Geophysical Research Institute is not likely to pose a danger to the lives and property of these villagers. There is no proposal to get these villages vacated.

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY : Sir, how does this question go to the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation? It is regarding bursting sound of dynamite with minor earthquakes. How can he answer these things?

SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would request you to protect me in this case. My object in asking this question is this. Earlier, I had asked the Ministry of Science and Technology so that they would be able to find out some reasons and protect the villagers in my district Adilabad. Unfortunately, this Question has been diverted to the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation. Before I ask my supplementaries, I would request the hon. Minister not to consider the area as tourist attraction.

MR. SPEAKER : I hope this question has not been hijacked.

SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY : It has been hijacked at one place. Anyway, with your help, I will retrieve it. Sir part (a) of my Question reads :

“whether Government are aware that for the last two months daily once or twice a big sound like dynamite burst is coming with minor earthquakes in villages Bijjur, Kothal Gaon, Badul Gaon of Madhol Tehsil, District Adilabad, Andhra Pradesh and walls and roofs of certain houses have developed cracks;”

To this, the answer is, Yes, Sir.

Now, in reply to part (e) of my Question, “whether Government propose to get vacated those villages immediately after paying suitable compensation to them”, the answer is, “...is not likely to pose a danger to the lives and property of these villagers.”

In the first instance, he agrees that the houses in those villages are getting cracked and that the property is being destroyed and, in the end, he says that no destruction is likely to occur to the property. I do not know which part of the answer I should take and then put my supplementary.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : It is a fact that the villages Bijjur, Kothal Gaon, Badul Gaon of Madhol Tehsil, District Adilabad, have been experiencing these minor tremors for the last two months, particularly, in July and August. Therefore, the Director, National Geophysical Research Institute under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research deputed a team of scientists to assess the situation. They set up four temporary

seismological stations to study the tremors at Badulgaon, Chatta, Bhainsa and Toron. The tremor of June 23 was felt for two seconds only as recorded by the Seismological Observatory at Hyderabad. The frequency increase was noted in July but it decreased in August. According to the Director, no major earthquake is expected in this region and there is no need for a long-term observation. The data collected is being analysed and the final report may take about a month's time. As per the preliminary investigation of tremors they are of minor intensity and no harm is likely to be caused such tremors are attributed to the slippage of rocks across the zone of weakness and the explosion sound is attributed to the occurrence of tremors at a very shallow depth.

**SHRI G. NARASIMHA REDDY :** I have lost my first supplementry. I have personally been to the villages. Every day, once or twice, suddenly a very big sound like dynamite burst comes with minor earthquake. In the villages, they do not have RCC construction. These are small houses and they get shattered. In the night, the people cannot sleep on account of this. The walls of their houses have already got cracked, as the hon. Minister himself admits.

Another interesting thing is this. These people are agriculturists, small farmers. When he ploughs with a pair of bullocks, just two-three minutes before the burst comes, the cattle would not move an inch and would behave as if there is tension and, after two-three minutes the burst comes and, when the burst is over, the cattle starts moving. I have been there personally and learnt it. I would only like to request the hon. Minister to get the whole thing studied in detail and assure the people of those villages in my district that if intensity increases even a little by which the houses might start collapsing, then he will get the whole thing surveyed and get those villages vacated, the

villagers sent to safe places, by paying suitable compensation.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Animals seem to be more intelligent.

**SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY :** You being an agriculturist, you know they are wiser than us.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** I have already mentioned that four temporary seismological stations were set up only for making the observation and study. The Director has already stated in his preliminary report that there is no danger to the lives and property. At the same time, they have said that within a month's time, they will be able to submit a final report. Naturally, on the basis of the final report alone further action will be taken.

**SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY :** My question is not answered. I have only said that the intensity of the earthquake increases to a stage where the houses may start collapsing and if the people find it impossible to stay in those villages, will the hon. Minister assure the House that under such circumstances the villagers will be vacated to a safer place by paying suitable compensation? This is my first question.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** We will cross the bridge when we reach it!

**SHRI SUNIL MAITRA :** What is the intensity on the richter scale?

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** Two point something.

*(Interruptions)*

**SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY :** Recently a very big irrigation project called Shri Ramsagar project has come up in that area. Last year, the tank was full, the water was flowing to

its full capacity and we had also floods. Most of the people believe that it is due to the storage huge of huge quantity of water in that big irrigation project. such type of tremor and earthquake is coming. If that belief is found to be correct in the course of the survey, then, I would request the Minister of Planning to provide sufficient funds in the Plan for those villages to be vacated because the tremore has started coming from the new irrigation project.

**SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN :** The tremor does not appear to be attributable to this Dam because it is located at a distance of about 20-30 KM and the scientists have come to this conclusion that this is a normal happing. The tremor has been taking place due to the slippage of the rock. But surely it all depends upon the final report.

#### Tourist Office s Abroad

\*459. **SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :**  
Will the Minister of TOURISM AND

**CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tourist offices functioning abroad and the names of the countries where these are functioning ;

(b) the annual expenditure involved in maintaining these offices ;

(c) the extent to which these are helpful in promoting tourist industry ;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more such offices abroad ; and

(e) if so, the names of these places and the time by which these will be opened ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) :** (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

#### ONE MAN OFFICE

(a) U.S.A.

1. New York
2. Chicago
3. Los Angeles

#### CANADA

4. Toronto

#### U.K.

5. London

#### SWITZERLAND

6. Geneva

1. Washington
2. San Francisco
3. Miami
4. Dallas