

citadel of martyrdom. It should not languish in neglect. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the freedom movement, on 9th August, 1992 it will be in the fitness of things if Government were to do the following:

1. It should honour the people of Chimur by announcing special economic measures and projects.
2. A major public sector unit could be located in Chimur or a major private sector unit could be encouraged to set up a manufacturing unit in Chimur - this would be dedicated to the memory of all those who laid down their lives in the freedom struggle from this area.
3. Invite all freedom fighters from all over the country to Chimur and present them suitable awards and mementos on the occasion.
4. The President, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries should attend the function to be held in Chimur.

The greatness of the people of Chimur is best summed up in the words of the revolutionary freedom fighter and poet, Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil:

"Shaheedon ki Chitaon Par Lagenge
Har Baras Mele
Watan Par Mitanewale ka Yahi Baki
Nishan Hoga".

(iii) Need to give more concession to small newspapers

SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL(Jabalpur): I would like to draw the attention of this august House to the impact of frequent newsprint price hikes on small newspapers. Almost 70 per cent of the total cost of bringing out a small daily depends on the cost of newsprint. The sale price of one

small daily does not recover the cost of bringing out that newspaper. Consequently a small daily has to very heavily depend on Government and private advertisement for its sustenance.

The frequent newsprint price rises, twice in six weeks, particularly the recent one, has inflicted a crippling blow to small newspapers. Their survival has been greatly jeopardised.

While appreciating the recent statement of Honourable Information and Broadcasting Minister, I would like to state that the Minister has not spelt out as to how he intends to help the survival of small newspapers in our country.

The 18 per cent increase in Government advertisement rates would mostly go to the big newspapers.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider exempting small newspapers having circulation of less than 50,000 copies per day, from this one time surcharge. Secondly, the Government should give a greater share of its total advertisement volume to small newspapers.

Thirdly and more importantly the Government should provide to small newspapers quota of both imported and indigenous newsprint on circulation basis and to provide the same at subsidised rates so as to ensure the survival of these small newspapers so vital for our democracy.

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(iv) Need to ensure proper functioning of telephones in Hamirpur, U.P.

SHRI V.N. SHARMA (Hamirpur): The telephone system in district Hamirpur of Uttar Pradesh is not functioning properly. The district headquarter has no telephone link with its Tehsils or Blocks. Not even 10 per cent telephones are in working order in Mohowa which has a population of 85,000