

are being misused and diverted to other Departments. How can you expect the development of socially and economically backward people in the near future?

With these words, I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN (Tirunelveli): Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to the irregularities in the timing of the Doordarshan programmes for the past five days. The scheduled time of telecast of the News Bulletins, both in Hindi and English, is 2040 hours and 2130 hours respectively. But there was a delay of 2-3 minutes. One 3rd December, the News started at about 21.35 hours. This shows the carelessness of the Doordarshan authorities. They are wasting the valuable time by losing many minutes. If the important News Bulletin is delayed, it shows the carelessness on the part of the Doordarshan authorities.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Very important issues are being allowed by the Chair! (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: I therefore request the hon. Minister to enquire into this matter.

Next, regarding the telecast of Parliamentary Proceedings, I would like to say one thing. Regarding telecast of the proceedings, only the Members who are allowed to speak are projected. But so many Members are raising their hands. We happen to be the unfortunate Members because we are not getting television coverage. We are getting telephone calls from our constituencies whether we are attending Parliament or not. Therefore, in order to avoid this situation, I request that they should project those unfortunate Members also, who are raising their hands. They should get an opportunity. We are not able to catch the eye of the Chair. Therefore, I request that this matter should be sympathetically considered.

SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU (Secunderabad): Sir, I want to raise an im-

portant matter of public importance. One of the former Ministers belonging to the Congress Party was murdered in the early hours of today in his residence at Hanumakonda in Andhra Pradesh. Further, yesterday, one Railway Driver was kidnapped and day-before-yesterday, in Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh, a train was burnt. In Andhra Pradesh, the Naxalite menace is increasing. Therefore, I demand from the Government that Paramilitary forces should be deployed in the affected areas and save the people from this menace of the Naxalites. In particular, politicians and other people should be saved from the clutches of the Naxalites. Many people have been kidnapped. Even the Police Officers are kidnapped. The law and order situation is deteriorating. 13 Districts have been affected by this menace. In Andhra Pradesh, there is no Government. There is a parallel Government run by the Naxalites. The Government should look into this matter immediately.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS (Jajpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, whatever hon. Member is saying is not correct. There is no naxalite problem but money lenders are torturing the people belonging to weaker sections and the tribals. Whenever tribal people press for their rights, their movement is suppressed branding them as naxalites. Big landlords, capitalists commit atrocities on the tribals there and still their cause is espoused by these people in this House.

[*English*]

SHRI RAM NAIK: The population of Mumbai is now more than one crore. Mumbai does not produce any agricultural food. Maharashtra is always in a continuing stage of shortage. You would have seen from the yesterday's Starred Question that Maharashtra Government has indicated that they are not going to open even a single new fair price shop. This is mainly because of the fact that there is acute shortage of food in fair price shops. There is scarcity of food and I am afraid that there will be food riots in Mumbai if the Government does not take