

G.T.Road is particularly bad. The condition of the National Highway No. 30, named after brave warrior Shri Kanwar Singh is also very bad. Sufficient funds for the repairs of these roads have not been provided till now. I urge the Government of India to give to Bihar what is due the State. If the Central Government is not doing so, the Government of Bihar and the people of the State will launch an agitation and stage a peaceful *dharna* in order to get its demands fulfilled.

[English]

PROF. K.V.THOMAS (Ernakulam): Sir, there are four thousand Indian students studying in various colleges and universities of USSR. They went to USSR with Russian scholarship. Now, after the present political situation, the new republics are not honouring the earlier agreements and commitments. The value of the rouble has come down. The transactions are taking place either in dollars or in pounds. As a result of this many of the Indian students are at the point of starvation.

I request the hon. Prime Minister to intervene in this matter so that these 4000 students who are studying either in medical colleges or in engineering colleges or in universities are able to continue their studies. I request the hon. Prime Minister to look into this.

[Translation]

SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU (Secunderabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much. Our hon. Member from Andhra Pradesh said that -

MR. SPEAKER: Please don't repeat. Be seated after endorsing it.

SHRIDATTATRAYA BANDARU: A rare quality of black granite is found in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. It is a rare

thing and is not found anywhere else in the world.

MR. SPEAKER: If you say that you agree to that, that is enough. If you want to make another point, welcome.

SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: The State Government has given it on lease to the private parties. Now the Government of Andhra Pradesh has cancelled it. In this connection, I met the Prime Minister also yesterday and presented a Memorandum to him. Foreign exchange to the tune of 6 to 6.5 thousand crores is earned by exporting it. I would request the Prime Minister that these mines may be operated through N.M.D.C. so that the Central Government can earn money through this operation. Tenders have been invited by Shriram Sagar Project which is being financial through World Bank loan. They are giving tenders on the nomination basis which is against the rules. Not only that, it involves a bungling of Rs.270 crore. Besides, there has been a loss of Rs.240 crore in the foreign technology used in Singreni collieries. In view of all these things, the Central Government should appoint a committee to look into this matter. That is all.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, high level talks between the Indian and Nepalese officials were held on 3rd September. Our Cabinet Secretary has issued a statement that some positive results have emerged from the talks. In my view, most of our officials and some political leaders are having an opinion about Nepal with regard to Kosi, Pancheshwar, Karnali multipurpose projects as if it is some enemy country. Nature has made us real brothers, and we are real brothers historically and culturally also. We are bestowed with Himalayas, mountains and rivers. We have spent so much of money on it for the simple reason that we alone and not Nepal should be benefited. But it resulted in a loss to both the

countries. The policy which our Government has been pursuing with regard to embankments, has worsened the problem of drought and floods. Since it can't be tackled in the plains, a multipurpose dam will have to be constructed in the foothills of Himalayas from where river waters flow down to the plains. Millions and crores of rupees we have spent to control the drought and floods have instead gone to increase both. The project proposal which was sent to Nepal from India in 1981 for Barahçandra Dam with an estimated capacity of 3500 megawatts of hydro electricity, apart from Kosi dam which was to generate 7 thousand megawatts of power fell victims to red tapism on the pretext that on the expert advice of a Japanese Team, Nepal has shifted the site of the proposed dam upstream. This project is not detrimental to our interests. It will add some strength to lessen the flood waters and it will not hamper the generation of electricity. With such ridiculous talk -

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude now.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: I am concluding my speech now. Therefore, I would urge that a dialogue should be initiated with Nepal on political level. Our capital is being wasted because of floods, drought and power crisis. Kosi Karnali and Pancheshwar Projects are pending because of lack of vision on our part. The railway line which was laid for Barakchandra dam is likely to be dismantled. The Railway Minister is present here. I would urge him to take up this work and subsequently it may be constructed. It is on the land of Nepal, so it would be difficult later on. The railway line between Birpur and Chhapra. *(Interruptions)* Mr. Speaker, Sir I am concluding. It is not related to Bihar or Nepal alone. If executed, the project will generate sufficient electricity not only to meet the existing demand but also the projected demand. The Government of India has issued a letter in 1974 in which it was written that -

[English]

We would not have market for such a huge block of power.

[Translation]

We won't be consuming so much of electricity. On the one hand, we are complaining and on the other hand such an impediment is there. Funds are swindled in earth work. A part of it goes to the politician, a part of it goes to the engineer and some to the contractor but the problem remains as it is. The Prime Minister is present here. I would urge him that long ago an assurance was given in the House that talks on political level would be held. The same may please be held. Minor things like whether it would be of some benefit to Nepal or not should not be a deterrent. Unless we understand that whatever is for the good of Nepal would be good for us also, we would be seeing an enemy in our friend. The Prime Minister should definitely intervene in this matter. That is my submission.

13.00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: You see, the House will sit for a few days more, so I know it fully well that there are so many members who should be given an opportunity to speak and present their views. Since it is Friday today, we have to have an interval also. Thereafter, the Prime Minister who has returned from abroad has also to make a statement about his foreign visit.

I would request the senior Members here that they should give a chance to other members so that they can speak. I would be giving them a chance to speak tomorrow and the day after.