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- (vii) **Need to impress upon the University Grants Commission the necessity of providing more funds for the development of the Marathwada University's sub-centre at Nanded**

DR. VENKATESH KABDE (Nanded): Marathwada is a backward region in the State of Maharashtra with inadequate facilities for education and vocational training. Education received a boost with establishment of Marathwada University in 1956. A sub-centre of Marathwada University started several years ago at Nanded and courses like Biotechnology, Masters course in Social Work etc., are run through this centre in rented places with very inadequate facilities. The Maharashtra Government has donated 500 acres of land near Nanded for development of different facilities for Post Graduate Courses. But proper attention has not been paid for the development of this sub-centre at Nanded. I, therefore, request, through you, to the University Grants Commission to provide funds to develop this area into an inspiring centre of knowledge in this backward area of Maharashtra.

- (viii) **Need for allocation of more funds for the expeditious completion of the first stage of Upper Krishna Project**

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO (Chikballapur): It is estimated by the Government of Karnataka that the first stage of Upper Krishna Project would be completed by 1995. The total cost is estimated to be Rs. 500 crores. The State Government is planning to spend Rs. 100 crores every year with the assistance of the Central Government and the World Bank. The proposed rehabilitation plan covers only 580 families and not the entire area of Bagalkote as reported in some newspapers. This project after the completion of its first stage would irrigate 4.5 lakh hectares of land. It would be a boon to the drought prone areas of North Karnataka.

The Planning Commission would be providing only 30 crores of rupees for the irrigation projects in Karnataka. This meagre amount is not at all sufficient and it is apprehended that the first stage of this project may not be completed in another ten years.

I, therefore, strongly urge upon the Government of India to allocate at least Rs. 100 crores to this project during the current year and expedite the completion of the first stage of this vital project which is a long cherished dream of the people of Karnataka.

- (ix) **Need to instal T. V. towers at Thana Mandi, Darbal and Surankot in Jammu and Kashmir State**

SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA (Jammu): The residents of Tehsils 'Thana Mandi' and 'Darbal' in District Rajouri and of Surankot in district Poonch of Jammu and Kashmir State are unable to watch the programmes of Doordarshan because there are no TV transmission towers in that area. So, the residents of those areas have no other option but to watch the programmes of Pakistan TV.

I would like to urge upon the Government of India, Ministry of Information to get the TV transmission towers installed at those places, so that the people of that area could see the programmes of Doordarshan.

15.27 hrs.

## STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Incident of Fire at Motia Khan, Delhi on 23.4.1990**

*[Translation]*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): I wish to apprise the Hon'ble Members of this august House about the incident of fire in Motia Khan jhuggis on 23.4.1990 in the jurisdiction of