

Archaeological Survey of India, the State Government have maintained that King Narasingh Dev had built this temple not only for the Sun God but also as a memorial heralding his victory from north to south. Konark is not a living memory any more. In fact, installation of sound and light will have a binding effect on the visitors to stay at Konark which will increase its acceptability. It may be relevant to mention that sound and light system has been installed in Red Fort where a living mosque exists. Such a system has also been allowed in certain other places in the country. It would, therefore, be in the larger interest of the conservation of the temple, increasing its acceptability and promotion of tourism if formal permission is accorded for installation of *son-et-lumiere*.

As such, I request the Hon. Prime Minister to grant permission for installation of *son et lumiere* at Konark.

(vi) Need to complete the fencing of India-Bangladesh Border

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balasore) : The villagers of Indo-Bangladesh Border on Bangladesh side are armed with self-loading rifles and 303 guns are determined to resist the fencing of the border by India, resulting in an average forty to fifty Bangladeshi is entering into India from Bangladesh daily, which became a matter of great concern. Even though the Government of India have decided to erect fencing ultimately the work has been stopped due to exchange of fire by the Bangladesh Border Security Forces. It is reliably ascertained that the Border Security Force of Bangladesh are imparting training to these villagers to resist the fencing by India using automatic fire arms. If the work of fencing is stopped it will ultimately be great threat to the nation's security.

I would, therefore, request the Government to start the fencing of the border and complete it at the earliest to protect the security of the nation.

(vii) Need to replace the existing manual telephone exchange at Diamond Harbour with an automatic telephone exchange and connect it with Calcutta through micro-wave

SHRI AMAL DATTA (Diamond Harbour) : Sir, about two years ago a programme of upgrading the telephone exchange of Diamond Harbour was supposed to be taken up with the two-fold object of installation of an automatic exchange in place of existing manual exchange and also to connect the exchange to Calcutta through micro-wave system.

At the request of the communications department, the West Bengal Government at its own expense constructed a black top approach road to the telephone exchange wide enough to carry loaded trucks in order to facilitate the building Programme within the telephone exchange. Although the road work was taken up and completed more than a year ago the exchange is yet to be upgraded as programmed. The telephone authorities at Calcutta have stated that the new automatic exchange equipment has not been and will not be available for quite some time more. This is happening inspite of the fact that new telephone exchange was to have been delivered in course of 1983. This dilatoriness on the part of the telephone department has created great frustration amongst the local people.

The Minister of Communications should take an early action to get the automatic exchange equipment installed at Diamond Harbour without delay.

(viii) Need to advise Planning Commission to provide more funds for digging wells and for lift irrigation from Defence Channel canal in the border area of Jammu

SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA (Jammu) : Sir, I want to raise a question of grave importance namely the situation that has arisen because of the non-availability of adequate irrigation facilities in the border area of Jammu. There are no adequate facilities for

the farmers to irrigate their lands and it is very difficult for to get full benefits of their labour although the lands are very fertile and the farmers could get three crops if adequate irrigation facilities are provided there. There could be a green revolution and a major increase in food-grains production by which the farmers, State and Central Government and other people will be benefited. Moreover, the Central Government has also financed the digging of tube-wells in that area for providing irrigation facilities but they too are not providing sufficient water for irrigating the fields in that area. It is, therefore, requested that the Planning Commission be advised to provide more funds for digging wells and also provide for lift irrigation form defence channel.

It is, therefore, requested that Government should take appropriate steps to provide adequate irrigation facilities to those areas.

- (ix) Demand for constituting a Pepper Board on the pattern of the Cardamom Board

PROF. P. J. KURIEN (Idukki) : Pepper is the most important foreign exchange earner among the spices and it accounts for 50% of the total export earnings from spices. But; due to the absence of perspective planning and proper appreciation of the problems, being faced by the growers, pepper growers are suffering.

The severe drought in 1983 had destroyed large areas of Pepper cultivation in Kerala. More than 80% of the growers of Pepper in Kerala are small growers and it is they who suffered most by the drought. The crippling effect of the drought continues and the growers are in distress.

The Pepper growers had taken huge loans and today they are not able to repay these loans. The authorities have not moved in so far to help them. Therefore, I demand that a Moratorium on the repayment of loans be declared immediately.

Similarly, Government should give them subsidy on interest as it is beyond the capacity of the growers to pay the heavy interests.

Pepper plants are affected by a disease called Footrot. According to an estimate, 40% of the crop was destroyed during 1980-81 due to this disease. This necessitates the urgent need for accelerated research work in this field and finding of remedial measures.

These and similar problems can be effectively dealt with only by the creation of an autonomous body. Demand has been raised for the constitution of such a body. It may be recalled that India's Share in the world Pepper Trade has gone down from 80% in 1947 to 21% now. This must create the necessary awareness among the authorities about the need for more attention being paid to Pepper.

I would therefore request the Government to set up a Pepper Board on the pattern of the Cardamom Board and save this most important spice from distress.

- (x) Need to replace the Low Power Television Transmitter at Kurseong with a High Power T.V. Transmitter

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN (Cooch Behar) : There was a long-standing demand for the setting up of a High Power TV transmitter at Kurseong for expansion of TV coverage in the North Bengal districts of Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling.

A month ago, a Low Power TV Relay Centre was set up at Kurseong, although an assurance was given on the Floor of this august House, that a High Power TV transmitter of 10 K.W. would be set up at Kurseong to enable the people of the border areas near Bangladesh to see the Indian telecasts instead of Bangladesh, keeping the national point of view; and this is a must. But, due to this Low Power TV transmitter and also the relaying of the programmes on the same channels both from Kurseong (India) and Rangpur (Bangladesh) nothing is visible except a ray of light or