

[Shri Pratap Bhanu Sharma]

3. There should be direct telephone line between Vidisha-Sironj-Vidisha-Shamsobad and Deori-Udi-puaa towns.
4. The Telephone exchanges of Bundi and Nasrullaganj should be directly connected with the district headquarters, SIHORE instead of Hoshangabad.
5. The microwave STD link project between Vidisha and Bhopal should be completed immediately. There should also be microwave link between Vidisha-Raisen and Raisen-Bhopal.
6. Vidisha, Mandicep and Diwan-ganj are the fast growing industrial centres of my parliamentary constituency. So, the Telex facility should be extended to these places immediately.

[Translation]

- (iii) Need to allocate more funds to Uttar Pradesh during Seventh Five Year Plan for its development

SHRI RAM PIYARE PANIKA (Robertsganj) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Uttar Pradesh is the biggest State where one-fifth of the people of the country live. Till the Fifth Five Year Plan, the State could not get its due share in the field of industry from the Central Government resulting in its backwardness. In the Sixth Five Year Plan, the amount allocated by the Centre in the field of industry is a little more but due to national calamities like floods, droughts, hailstorms, etc., for the last many years, its economy has been shattered. Not only this out of around Rs. 700 crores given to the states consequent upon droughts and floods in 1982-83 and 1983-84 this state did not get anything owing to certain reasons. As a result thereof, the state had to face the natural calamities with its own resources. Many of the irrigation

and power projects undertaken during the Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans are progressing at a snails pace due to paucity of funds. Consequently, on the one hand the expenditure on these projects is increasing and on the other, the benefit to the state after the completion of these projects is being delayed. I would like to state here that Eastern U.P., Bundelkhand and hill areas which have 46 per cent of the population of the State have gone backward in many respects and it has become imperative to allocate special funds to bring these areas to the level of the development of other parts of the state.

Drawing the attention of the Central Government towards the backwardness of the State, demand that at the time of allocation of funds under the Seventh Five Year Plan, special funds should be provided to U.P. to bring it to the level of other developed States.

- (iv) Need to instal a high power T.V. transmitter at Purnea.

SHRI D.L. BAITHA (Araria) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Doordarshan Relay Centre opened at Purnea is of very low capacity. As a result of this, a major part of Purnea disirict, particularly Araria Sub division and part of Kishanganj Sub-division, remain deprived of this facility. Assurance was given about the installation of a powerful transmission Centre at Kurseong also but that too has remained unfulfilled.

I now demand that Purnea Doordarshan Relay Centre should be converted into a powerful relay centre or a Doordarshan Relay Centre should be opened at Araria. In Patna a small unit of Doordarshan Kendra is bying idle which can be utilised by providing a Doordarshan Centre either at Araria or at Forbisingang. If it is not possible then Kurseong, Doordarshan Centre should be converted into a powerful one so that all areas could benefit from the Doordarshan programmes.