

law, it is difficult for State Government to take severe action against such industrial units. Government of India should consider the matter seriously and come forward with a suitable bill for the whole country to save Metropolitan cities from pollution. In Bombay, at Goregaon there is one tyre factory creating lot of pollution in the area. It is very very difficult for people to stay in that area. Pollution from this factory may result in a big hazard in the near future if Government does not take severe action.

I request hon. Minister for Environment to take serious note and introduce an effective Bill immediately and give necessary instructions to State Government to take more effective and severe steps against such industrial units.

- (ii) Need to issue commemorative stamps in the memory of great leaders of the people's movement of the country including late Godavarish Mishra

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri) : Sir, late Godavarish Misra and late Nilakantha Das were in the forefront of freedom movement and their contribution to the cause of freedom struggle in Orissa and in the country is inspiring. They were the leaders of Oriya Movement and carried on struggle for emergence of Orissa as a separate State. They had given new interpretation to the enriched cultural heritage of Orissa and had created a new vision of social and cultural approach of the State. They led social and religious reformist movement, which generated new awakening amongst the people of Orissa. They were the builders of modern Orissa. They were the distinguished Oriya writers of that epoch. They were outstanding Parliamentarians of the country, who have created new records of oratory and eloquence in Parliament and State legislature. They had sponsored the cause of the nation and common people in uncompromising terms.

Centenary of late Godavarish Misra is being celebrated this year. I urge upon the Government to issue postal stamps in memory of the great leaders of the people's movement of the country.

12.14 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

- (iii) Need to provide immediate relief to the tobacco growers of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

SHRI SRIHARI RAO (Rajahmundry) : The tobacco growers in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh are facing serious problems due to failure of their crops, because of which there has been a low yield of tobacco. However, the quality of the tobacco is good.

But the maximum support price for purchase of tobacco fixed by the Government of India is only Rs. 1250 per quintal. Actually it should not be less than Rs. 1800 a per quintal as before, quality-wise. But the tobacco farmers are not able to get even the support price of Rs. 1250 per quintal due to collusion amongst the buyers during auctions who are mostly exporters of tobacco to foreign countries for which the Government has given them export orders. Licences of such traders and exporters should be cancelled forthwith to protect the farmers from complete ruination starvation and deaths. The farmers are already on strike which is bound to escalate and cause further problems.

One of the platforms for auction of tobacco is at Torredu whete tobacco worth Rs. 25 lakhs is auctioned daily. This auction continues for three months during which business worth Rs. 20 crores is transacted. The farmers have stopped selling their produce due to the loss being suffered by them.

I, therefore, request you kindly to look into this matter personally and provide immediate relief to the tobacco growers of East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

- (iv) Need to reconsider the decision of closing down of R.M.S. Offices and Branch Post Offices

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA (Balasore) : Sir, millions and millions of people are facing a lot of difficulties and great inconvenience in getting their postal daks and articles sent by post due to the recent decision of the Government to close down many Railway Mail Service (R.M.S.) Offices