

SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN (Rosa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the following matter in the House under the rule 377.

There is acute shortage of drinking water in the areas of Mahadev Road, Gurudwara Rakabganj Road, Pandit Pant Marg in Delhi. N.D.M.C. supplies water only from 6 to 9 A.M. in morning and from 6 to 9 P.M. in evening. All types people live in the area. The supply of water only for 6 hours (day and night) in 24 hours is a matter of serious concern. The people of the area pine for drinking water and water for other household purposes during summer and winter. The problem of providing potable water to Delhi even after 40 years of our Independence is a serious one. I would like to urge upon the Government to solve the problem of drinking water urgently and make 24 hours supply of water by erecting a high capacity water tank.

12.08 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(ii) Demand for Payment of instalment of dearness allowance to Central Government employees.

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the following matter in the House:—

Instalment of D.A. for payment to Central Government Employees has become due in January. It should have been paid in the first week of April. However, it has been reported that Government is negotiating with certain organisations of the Central Government employees for depositing the D.A. amount into the G.P.F. This is creating great resentment among the Central Government employees. Such a proposal is against the basic principle of the payment of D.A. as also against the recommendations of the Pay

Commission.

Therefore, I would request the hon. Finance Minister that the instalment of D.A. may be paid immediately and in future also some definite policy should be followed in this regard.

[*English*]

(iii) Need to increase the rate of honorarium to Health Guides.

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada): With an objective to provide basic health services to the rural masses, government had started a new scheme in 1977 by appointing basic health guides each serving one thousand population. The health guides are being paid Rs. 50/- only per month as honorarium. These health guides go round the area earmarked for them, advise and serve the people by providing first aid. They also propagate family planning programme among the rural people and help in conducting family planning camps by bringing persons to be operated. In the present times when cost of living has considerably increased there is full justification to enhance this honorarium amount of Rs. 50/- to Rs. 300/- a month. When vacancies arise in the health department, some of these health guides who have requisite qualifications may be absorbed taking seniority also into consideration. The government should also allocate more funds for supply of medicines, family planning contraceptives etc.

(iv) Need to reconsider the plan to shift the office of Central Excise Collectorate from Bolpur to Durgapur.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): It is a matter of serious concern that Government of India has decided to shift, even temporarily, the Office of the Central Excise Collectorate from Bolpur to