

they work for the respective governments and private agencies in hospitals, engineering complexes and business enterprises. Most of these people are waiting for evacuation. One hundred such doctors hailing from Jammu and Kashmir State are working in Iran who are finding Tehran and other cities unsafe due to air raids and bombings, are anxious to return to India. But for the lack of response from Foreign Affairs Ministry and diplomatic mission at Tehran they are stranded. Their relations in J & K State are extremely worried and anxiously waiting for their safe arrival in India.

Indian citizens in Baghdad and other important towns of Iraq are also facing the same ordeal. Diplomatic mission there also has been found wanting in foresight and duties towards its countrymen.

Unfortunately Indian missions abroad have not been able to provide succour and necessary help to the Indian nationals in hour of peril and have exposed, themselves to bitter criticism at home. The time has come that we should rejuvenate these missions and well equip them to the challenge of the times.

The Government of India should in these abnormal and ever deteriorating conditions in war torn Iran and Iraq take necessary steps to evacuate the Indians working there on war footing and in this regard place Air India and other facilities readily available to the affected people.

- (vi) **Need for construction of roads from Alwar to Bhiwandi and Alwar to Delhi and giving financial assistance from National Capital Region Plan Funds**

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar) :** The main objective of the National Capital Region Plan is to achieve integrated development of satellite towns located within a periphery of one hundred miles from the National Capital, that is Delhi, Alwar town and areas of Tahsils of Behrore, Bansur, Tijere, Mandawar, Kishangarh-Bas and Ramgarh of District Alwar, Rajasthan fall in the National Capital Region.

The Central theme of the Plan is to link towns of this region directly to Delhi by road and to provide infrastructural facilities for planned development of that area.

Alwar town is a district headquarter with a population of 1.5 lakhs. It is an industrial town and its industrial growth is remarkable. It needs to be linked with Delhi city directly by a road. Urban Improvement Trust, Alwar and National Capital Region Plan Implementation Authority Alwar (Rajasthan) had already formulated and forwarded to the Ministry of Works and Housing, proposals for construction of two important roads from Alwar town to Delhi city. First proposal is that a road from Alwar to Bhiwandi *via* Kishangarh-Bas and from Bhiwandi to Delhi *via* Bilaspur should be taken up for construction from N.C.R. funds. The second proposal is that a road from Alwar to Delhi *via* Kot-Kasim and Budhi Bawal should be taken up for construction so that a direct road from Alwar town to Delhi city *via* Khairthal, Kot-Kasim, Budhi Bawal, Nanorampur-Bas and Dharuheda may come in existence.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Works and Housing, Govt. of India to approve the above two roads and accord financial sanction from the National Capital Region Plan Funds so that construction work at the site may be taken in hand immediately.

- (vii) **Demand for sanction of special grant to Orissa to relieve acute water shortage in drought-affected areas in the State**

[*Translation*]

**\*SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska) :** The State of Orissa has suffered a series of natural calamities like cyclone, floods and drought in the past. But the present drought prevailing in many parts of Orissa is one of the worst the State has ever witnessed. The rainfall is conspicuously absent in Ganjam district since last six months. Absence of rainfall has led to the acute scarcity of drinking water in almost all villages in that district. The people are passing their days in great difficulty.

A small number of tubewells have been installed in some identified villages. But there are many unidentified villages in Ganjam and other districts in Orissa which are also facing drinking water problems. It is regrettable that no steps have been taken to provide

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