

**SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN (Rosa-
era):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the
following matter in the House under the rule
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There is acute shortage of drinking
water in the areas of Mahadev Road, Gu-
rudwara 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 Cen-
tral 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 Govern-
ment 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 hono-
rarium 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 popula-
tion. 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 plan-
ning 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 depart-
ment, 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