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[Translation]

(i) Need to establish industries in Saran division of North Bihar for its development.

SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH (Maharajganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Saran division in northern Bihar is industrially a very backward area. There are only a few sugar mills in the name of industry in this part of the State. Some of these mills are lying closed and some are on the verge of closure.

It is very distressing to say that these mills were set up before Independence. No industry has been established in this area after Independence.

It will be quite relevant to point out here that this area occupies a very high place in India in terms of the density of population. Due to excessive population, the people of this area have to go to other parts of the country and also abroad in search of their livelihood where most of them are exploited.

Despite the 20-point programme of the Prime Minister, most of the people are living below poverty line. The only way to bring the people of this area above the poverty line is to establish big industries in the area.

There is no dearth of potential for installation of industries. For example, big paper industries can be set up in the area as bagasse, paddy straws and bamboos etc. are available in the area in plenty. Besides, railway wagon factories and electronic equipment factories can also be set up.

I urge upon the Government that industrial survey of this industrially backward part of land may be conducted and industries set up there.

(ii) Need to set up another plant at Haiderpur to provide sufficient drinking water to the people of Delhi.

SHRI BHARAT SINGH (Outer Delhi): The population of Delhi is increasing day-by-day and arrangements have been made for providing drinking water in every village. Government has spent huge sums of money on laying water pipe-lines and providing water connections. However, shortage of water has become a daily routine because of reduced supply of water to Haiderpur plant from Yamuna. Water does not reach the villages, rehabilitation colonies, jhuggi-jhompries and unauthorised colonies for several days. Due to low pressure of water, it does not reach the first floor also. The poor people have to dig pits under the taps and place earthen pots or buckets in them to get water. In order to remove the shortage of water, a second water plant should be immediately set up in Haiderpur and the supply of water from Yamuna should be increased so that poor people can get water.

(iii) Need to take necessary steps to check the brain drain from the country.

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI (Bilhaur): Our country ranks third in the world in the matter of trained manpower. There are a large number of trained engineers, doctors and technicians in our country. Our country has to spend huge amount every year to train these persons. For this purpose, very high technical institutions are at work in our country. But our country and the people are not perhaps getting the benefits of their wisdom and skill. All these people go to other countries in their anxiety to earn more. They take pride in it and consider themselves better than others. This tendency is very harmful for the country. Ultimately it causes double suffering to the people of this country.

Therefore, Government should make it obligatory for those trained in the country and those sent abroad for training that they will have to serve in the country atleast for 10 years after completing their training.

Not only this, other effective steps should also be taken to check brain drain.

- (iv) Need to increase the frequency of Kerala Express from three to six days a week.**

*SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat): Direct train service between Delhi and the Capital of Kerala is at present only for three days in a week. So, there is heavy rush in these trains. It is almost impossible to travel particularly during the summer vacation and the festival seasons. Since the tickets are reserved three months in advance, those who plan their journeys at short notice cannot make it. Every day hundreds of people travel from Delhi to Kerala and *vice versa*. And the number of passengers is increasing fast day after day. There is no other way to solve this problem except by increasing the frequency of the existing trains.

I, therefore, request the Government to take immediate steps to run the bi-weekly Kerala Express for six days in a week.

- (v) Need for financial assistance to Government of Bihar for establishing industries in Purnea district to prevent people from migrating to other States**

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH (Purnea): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Purnea is the oldest district in Bihar state. It is surrounded by Bangladesh on one side and by Nepal on the other side. In spite of its being an important district on this account, neither there is any public sector industry of any kind in this district nor the district has been declared an industrially backward district. Every year thousands of labourers go to different States for their livelihood. In the circumstances, the Central Government should provide financial assistance to the State Government of Bihar and direct them to set up industries in the district in view of

*The speech was originally delivered in Malayalam

the public interest so that migration of thousands of labourers every year could be checked.

[*English*]

- (vi) Need for immediate financial assistance to Tamil Nadu Government for completion of 'Palar Riverbed' scheme to meet the water scarcity in Madras**

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichetti-palayam): Sir, the spectre of one of the worst droughts in living memory looms large over Tamil Nadu with no rains in almost all the districts of the State.

An inordinate delay in the onset of South West Monsoon caused damage to the standing crops to the tune of a thousands crores of rupees and drinking water scarcity in villages and urban areas. The State Government is taking all steps to supply drinking water to all the villages by lorries. Even the urban areas where water supply is assured are facing acute water scarcity. Madras which has a population of five million is facing acute water scarcity. The Metro Water Board has dug giant wells in order to meet the water scarcity. Even then they are able to give water on alternate days only. A scheme has been drawn up by the Government of Tamil Nadu recently to take water from Palar river bed which would cost more than three crores of rupees. The State Government is requesting the Centre for an assistance of Rs. 1.50 crores for this scheme. The Central Government has to come forward immediately in order to meet the drinking water problem in Tamil Nadu. I request the Government of India to come to the rescue of the Tamil Nadu Government.

[*Translation*]

- (vii) Need to give early clearance to Punpun Dargah Scheme and Muhane Dam Scheme to save Jahanabad and Patna districts from floods and drought.**

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of the