

[Shri S.G. Gholap]

if they have to appear before the authorities at Pune

I, therefore, request the Minister of Finance to look into the matter personally, and open an Income-tax Commissioner's office at Thane, or bring Thane area under the jurisdiction of Bombay Income-Tax Commissioner's office

[Translation]

(ii) Need to set up a Unani Research Institute at Bhopal

SHRI K N PRADHAN (Bhopal) Mr Speaker, Sir, the Unani system of medicine is prevalent in many countries and it has been in practice to cure various diseases for centuries together. In our country also, this system is most successful for curing certain diseases. It is a very useful system for a poor country like ours because it is very cheap also.

In the twentieth century, people are more inclined towards Allopathy system as a result of which the Unani system has been greatly neglected. Therefore, it is necessary to pay more attention towards this system also.

As a first step to encourage this system, a good research institute should be established and a college should also be attached to it.

In Bhopal and other parts in that area the Unani system is preferred much. Even today there are able and wise Unani 'hakims' in that area who have no match in diagnosing and curing the diseases. With a view to take benefit of the wisdom of these 'hakims' we should establish the research institute at Bhopal. I hope that Central Government will pay special attention towards it.

(iii) Need to give financial assistance to U.P. Government for formation of Firozabad as a separate district

SHRI GANGA RAM (Firozabad) Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has been recognised in principle that the smaller an administrative unit, the better will be the administrative efficiency. From this point of view it has also been accepted that district units should be smaller ones. There are several districts in Uttar Pradesh which are quite large and density of population is also more than normal. Therefore, it has become necessary in the public interest that these large districts should be reorganised. Agra is also a large district because of its large area and density of population. Therefore, it has become necessary to carve out another district from the present district. In this regard, the proposal to make Firozabad a district is already under consideration of the State Government and as far as I know, top priority has been given to it but due to paucity of funds the State Government has not made announcement to this effect. To provide more facilities to the people and to increase the administrative efficiency, it is necessary to make Firozabad a separate district at the earliest. The Firozabad city has its own importance in the map of our country and it is famous for glass-bangle industry in the country. From this industry, the administration collects a huge amount of revenue as income tax, sales tax and excise duty.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to provide financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh Government for formation of Firozabad as a separate district.

[English]

(iv) Need to set up Thermal Power Project at Rajakkamangalam in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu

SHRI N DENNIS (Nagercoil) Installation of a thermal electricity project at

Rajakkamangalam in Kanyakumari District is the long standing need and necessity of the place. Investigations and examinations on the feasibility of the scheme have been conducted by an on the spot study by the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the Port Officer, Tamil Nadu and other concerned authorities and a suitable site also has been identified which is mainly government land previously used for salt manufacture and now defunct and declared unfit and kept waste and thereby this land along with portions of adjoining areas would be adequate and sufficient to meet the requirements of the project could be made available and that too on easy terms without huge compensatory costs. Infrastructural facilities and other circumstances are also favourable for its installation. Nagercoil railway station and Colachel Port are 10 KM and 6 KM respectively from this place. The proposed rail link to Colachel harbour touches this place. No new public sector project has been located in Tamil Nadu for the past 15 years. Kanyakumari District has been declared as an industrially backward District by the Central Government. But not even a single industry either in public sector or private sector is established in this backward isolated distant southernmost part of the country where there is acute problem of unemployment both educated and uneducated. Installation of this project would satisfy the longstanding wish, anxiety and aspirations of the people of this backward area. So Government may be pleased to take speedy steps for the early installation of this project.

[Translation]

- (v) **Need to give adequate financial assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to provide relief to the farmers whose crops have been destroyed by heavy rains, hailstorms etc.**

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI (Ghosi) Mr Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of

the House to the following important subject under Rule 377

The recent gales, rains and hailstorms in the whole of northern India resulted in uprooting the trees, blockade of roads etc. All traffic came to a standstill. Foodgrains in the barns and chaff stored by the farmers have been soaked and destroyed on a large scale on account of the sudden rains. Many people were killed in various accidents which occurred during these days. The worst affected states were Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. In the cities of Kanpur and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, it rained heavily and in some places hailstorms were also there. The farmers suffered huge losses in Azamgarh, Ballia and other districts in Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The attention of the State Government was drawn but no action has been taken so far. The condition of the farmers is very miserable and it is like snatching away the uneaten food lying before a person or like the death of someone's young son. I request that the Centre should direct the State Governments to do the needful and also make special financial allocations to enable them to provide relief to farmers in time.

[English]

- (vi) **Need to develop Araku valley and other places of tourist attraction in Vizag district of Andhra Pradesh**

SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA (Kakinada) In Vizag District there are a number of tourist centres. At present our country needs a lot of foreign exchange. Through these tourist centres we can earn a lot of foreign exchange. These are all located 50 miles around the Vizag city. Everyone is aware of Araku Valley. It attracts the foreigners as well as persons from film world. But there is no accommodation for them. So many people are coming forward to construct hotels etc. If the Central Government gives forest land on lease to these persons it would solve the problem.