

arrange to supply kerosene to Balasore District, Sambalpur and Rourkela Regions from Vizag.

I urge upon the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to look into the suggestion and do the needful at the earliest.

[Translation]

(ii) Need to open 'Navodaya Vidyalaya' and 'Kendriya Vidyalaya' in Ghosi, Azamgarh and Ballia, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI (Ghosi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh are lagging behind in the economic development. The population of these districts is very dense but in proportion to that the number of schools there is small. In deference to my efforts and the demand of the people it was decided to open a Navodaya Vidyalaya at Jeeyanpur in Azamgarh district in the wake of the implementation of the new education policy. But it is now being set up in Azamgarh city instead of at Jeeyanpur. This has given rise to discontentment among the people of Jeeyanpur. Therefore, it should be started at Jeeyanpur immediately. If the construction of a building is likely to be delayed, it should be started in some other building for the time being. I request the Minister of Education to sanction the opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas in the newly created district of Maunath Bhanjan, Ghosi, Azamgarh and the Rasara town of Ballia.

(iii) Need to direct the mills to give preference to purchase of sugarcane from weaker sections

SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD (Mohanlalganj): Sixty per cent of sugarcane growers belong to weaker sections in Sitapur, Lakhimpur, Kheeri, Pilibhit, Hardoi, etc.

districts of Uttar Pradesh have to sell their sugarcane to the cane crushers at a rate of only Rs. 12 to 15 per quintal for want of passes from the sugarcane cooperative societies. While the big sugarcane growers and some terrorists are able to get more passes which are sold to the poor sugarcane growers. The Central Government is, therefore, requested that in regard to this very important matter, directions may be issued to the State Governments.

12.24 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

To do away with the present speculation system being adopted by the cooperative societies so that the poor and small sugarcane growers are able to get fair price of their sugarcane. I would like to suggest that rules be framed under which the mills are asked to purchase sugarcane from the 60% growers belonging to the weaker sections on priority basis.

[English]

(iv) Need to undertake Welfare Schemes for Craftsmen

DR. PHULRENU GUHA (Contai): Sir, our craftsmen are doing a great service to the nation. By not looking after them, we cannot protect and enrich our cultural heritage. I urge the Government to frame a national policy for protection of craftsmen. I request the Government that necessary welfare schemes should be undertaken for them.

[Translation]

(v) Need for Construction for a Stadium in Baa Tehsil of Agra (U.P.)

SHRI GANGA RAM (Firozabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, although our country lagged