

(Shri Krishna Singh)

12.09 hrs.

[(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*)]

Similar arrangement of light should also be made on the stone inscriptions of Emperor Ashok at village Gujari near Datia city.

There is a sun temple at Unnao which is known by the name of Balaji. Similarly, there is a religious place known as Sanakua in Sewara Tehsil on the bank of river Sindh. This is the same religious place where Saint Naqada had undertaken penance. This place is also known as the place of penance of Sanak Sanandan sant Kumar. This place of historical importance should be developed as a tourist centre.

There is a very old fort of Bhadoria rules in district Bhind. Bhind was named earlier on the name of Bhindi Rishi. Gauri Sarovar constructed by Prithvi Raj Chauhan is very attractive and is a historical place. This place should be developed as a tourist centre. I would urge the Government that both these districts should be developed as tourist centres of national importance.

(v) Demand for developing Kesara village, in East Champaran, Bihar as a tourist centre.

SHRI PRABHAWATI GUPTA (Motihari): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under rule 377 I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance :—

Village Kesaria in Block Kesaria in East Champaran of Bihar is a historical and mythological place. At one time this place used to be a place of pilgrimage of Buddhists. The remains of stupas exist there even now. As a result of excavation, a Shiva temple and Shiva Linga made of costly stone, gold coins, clay pots and many other articles of that age have been found. This place is spread in more than 20 acres. Capital of Emperor Venu and place of this queens were situated at this place. There are adequate proofs of it.

Lord Buddha had lived here for some time before his death and he had left Kushi Nagar from here. Therefore, this place can be developed as a place of tourists attraction and foreign exchange can be earned by attracting foreign tourists to this place. The Central Government has decided to develop Bhddhist circuit as Tourist Centres. I would, therefore, urge the Government that Kesaria (East Champaran, Bihar) should be developed as a tourist centre so that mythological and historical importance of the place can be maintained and the future generations may get inspiration from it.

(vi) Demand for measures for afforestation of Aravali hills in Rajasthan.

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT (Chittorgarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under rule 377, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the miserable condition of the Aravali hills which are considered to be the oldest in the world. These hill ranges are spread over five states, but major part of them falls in Rajasthan. This geographical heritage of Rajasthan has affected both history and the lives of the people. Most of the tourist centres, wild life sanctuaries in the state are the contribution of Aravali hillrange. I would, therefore, like to urge upon the Government that :—

- (1) An Aravali Development Board should be constituted under the chairmanship of the Hon. Prime Minister himself.
- (2) The Tribals should be provided some alternative and auxiliary employment so that felling of trees in the forests could be checked.
- (3) Trees are being cut in the forests in larger numbers for using as firewood. Therefore, priority should be given to the entire areas for allotting maximum number of gas connections and subsidy for Bio-gas plants should be increased.
- (4) Forest administration should be strengthened and stern punishment

should be given to the persons found indulging in unlawful felling of trees.

- (5) With a view to restore the beauty of the Aravali ranges, seeds should be thrown in the hills from helicopters during rainy season so that denuding of the hills could be checked.

If the Central Government provides hundred percent aid for Aravali Development Board, then natural beauty of the hills would be restored and famine problem of Rajasthan could also be solved partially.

[English]

- (vii) Demand for railway facilities in North Bengal.

SHRI ANADA PATHAK (Darjeeling) : Problem of development of industrially backward North Bengal has agitated the minds of the people of that region and prominently figured in the press. As a prior condition for setting up of industries and develop the region, rail link and road communication should be strengthened. I therefore urge upon the Government to restore the withdrawn trains like Kunchanjunga Express, Vaisali Express etc., revive the Siliguri Junction Station, remove the level crossing from the heart of Siliguri town and divert it from Rangapani, expedite the work of putting double line from Malda to Jalpaiguri, provide new line between Malda and Balurghat via Hilli and Tapan, introduce a direct train from new Jalpaiguri to Delhi, modernise the Darjeeling Himalayan Rail running on the narrow gauge line from new Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling.

- (viii) Demand for an AIR Station at Perundurai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichettipalayam) : In Tamil Nadu State periyar District is completely depending on agriculture as their profession. The agriculturists of that district are not having any opportunity of hearing Radio News because there is no Radio station situated nearby. The Coimbatore All India Radio

Station is situated 100 kms. away from Erode, the capital of the District. Because of the low wave length and the lower power transmitters even the border area people of Coimbatore and Periyar Districts are unable to hear the Radio Programmes clearly. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should take immediate steps to have an All-India Radio Station at Perundurai which is very near to Erode and is an elevated place which would be very helpful for broadcasting the programmes and the people may be able to hear them clearly.

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Ministry of Water Resources—*Contd.*

[English]

12.16 hrs.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up item number 7—Further discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Water Resources.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am very sorry to say that a major part of India which should have been covered under irrigation facilities or should have been brought under Department of Water Resources, has not been brought under it so far. Though Government talks about green revolution, yet so far as green revolution in the entire country is concerned, the Government has totally failed in it. Except one or two states, a major part of the country is lagging behind in the matter of irrigation facilities and as a result thereof, the production in many states is far below than the All India average production per hectare. Bihar is one of them, the problems in the country are becoming very serious. The main reason for it is lack of irrigation facilities. Unless we