

[Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad]  
already in existence between Bangalore and Mysore. The M/W line between New Delhi and Madras passes through Mysore City.

The M/W line between Mangalore and Bangalore will be free till 8.40 P. M. i.e. till the beginning of National Programme, Madras and Bangalore T. V. Centres will link to Delhi at 8.40 P. M. for the National hook-up.

Hence by installing M/W receiving equipments at Mysore, Coorg and Mangalore and connecting these centres with Bangalore Doordarshan, these places can telecast Kannada Programmes from Bangalore Doordarshan. All the above places have already been provided with LPT's and will not burden the chequer. By connecting Mysore, Coorg and Bangalore LPT's from Bangalore Doordarshan, population of eight districts of Karnataka will have the privilege of viewing Kannada programmes.

I urge upon the Central Government to look into the matter.

12.10 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*Translation*]

**(III) Need for immediate steps to increase the power supply to Delhi**

SHRIBHARAT SINGH (Outer Delhi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Delhi the Indraprastha Thermal Power Station generates 200 MW power and Badarpur Thermal Station generates 450 MW power. We get 150 MW power from Singrauli Thermal Station. The consumption of power of Delhi is 1044 MW. Therefore, the power supply falls short of the requirement. As a result, load shedding has to be resorted for as many as eight to ten hours. Keeping in view the fact that power connections for industrial and residential purposes have tremendously increased in Delhi, steps should be taken to generate 750 MW additional power in Indra-

prastha or Badarpur Power Station so that the power requirement of Delhi is met adequately.

[*English*]

**(IV) Need to lift the ban on opening of new Post Offices**

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): There is a general ban on the opening of new Post Offices in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan. As a result the Ministry of Communications is paying no heed to the genuine demands for opening of Post Offices even at Gram Panchayat Headquarter and important towns creating discontentment and resentment among the people. It is not convenient for the people of one Gram Panchayat to go over to another Gram Panchayat for their postal requirements. Without a Post Office for every Gram Panchayat the country cannot be said to be saturated with Post Offices. The necessity of having a Post Office and a Public Call Office at every Gram Panchayat Headquarter in our country at least during the celebration of 40th Anniversary of our Independence need not be ever over-emphasized.

I would urge upon the Union Government to reconsider the matter and lift the existing general ban so as to facilitate opening of Post Offices at the deserving places during the current Five Year Plan.

**(V) Need to explore the possibility of export of mangoes grown in Mithila region of Bihar**

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur): Delicious mangoes are available in the Mithila region of North Bihar at a throw away price.

There is a great scope for the export of mangoes to foreign countries, particularly gulf countries. For the last two and a half years, we have been making strenuous efforts to impress upon the Union Government to explore the possibility of exporting Mithila