

be Rs. 1,500 crores and the necessary incentives for this must be provided. Airports at all tourist centres must be properly equipped. This is particularly true of the airports near the Buddhist centres of Bihar. If these centres are accessible through regular plane services, the number of foreign tourists visiting them is likely to go up many times.

[*Translation*]

(iii) Need for improvement in the working of Telephone Exchanges and installation of Electronic Exchanges in Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda in Faizabad district of U.P.

SHRI R.P. SUMAN (Akbarpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is a significant contribution of Telecommunications in a developed and a developing country like India. There are a number of telephone exchanges in Faizabad district in U.P. but they are not providing satisfactory services to the subscribers. There are several Industrial towns such as Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda which are situated in this district where a large number of businessmen and weavers reside. The cloth made here is sent to the several parts of the country. Tanda Thermal Power Project, Uttar Pradesh Spinning Mill and Shri Gandhi Ashram are also located in this district. The condition of telephone Exchanges in Akbarpur and Tanda Tehsil is very pitiable. Subscribers are not fully benefited with it. The equipments in these exchanges are out-dated and need repairs. The people are not getting telephone connections because of the limited capacity of these exchanges. Akbarpur Telephone Exchange is housed in a dilapidated building while land has already been acquired for it. The businessmen have to go to Lucknow or Varanasi for making calls to big cities. It is absolutely necessary to improve the condition of telephone Exchanges situated in prominent towns of district Faizabad keeping its historical, religious and geographical importance in view.

I, therefore, request the Central Gov-

ernment that a new building should be constructed for Akbarpur Telephone Exchange and electronic equipments should be installed in telephone exchanges situated in Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda. Besides this, I also request the Government to release adequate number of telephone connections so that subscribers may get relief.

(iv) Need to run a shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the introduction of a new local shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory and vice-versa.

About sixty thousand workers are engaged in the Ambazari Ordnance Factory and nearby Hingna Industrial Estate. Due to non-availability of railway train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory, thousands of workers of the Ambazari Ordnance Factory as well as Hingna Industrial Estate are severely affected. Most of the workers engaged in the Ambazari Ordnance Factory and Hingna Industrial Estate have to cover distance of about 10 to 20 kilometres on cycle as these poor workers are not in a position to pay exorbitant bus fares. Thus daily they are compelled to waste their energy on cycling resulting in wasteful exertion and low efficiency in work.

There is a persistent demand from the residents of Kamptee and Nagpur and workers of the Ordnance Factory and Hingna Industrial area to introduce the local shuttle train.

In view of the position stated above, I on behalf of the workers and people of Kamptee and Nagpur demand that a local shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory may be introduced immediately.

(v) Need for Speedy development of Bharath Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd. Madras

DR. A. KALANIDHI (Madras Central): The Bharath Process and Mechanical Engi-

[Dr. A.Kalanidhi]

neers Limited — a Government of India undertaking at Madras is threatened with closure and retrenchment. Ever since its formation in 1980, some vested interests are playing havoc on the growth of this company. The plant suffers from outdated technology, old plant and machinery and poor market potential for its products.

Many orders from Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Neyveli Lignite Corporation and other well reputed companies have been withdrawn which has resulted in huge loss for the company. Inordinate delay in execution of orders has also brought heavy losses.

Many ailing public sector enterprises have been put on the right track by proven executives singled out for this purpose. The Government of India should set right the working of this company. It is high time that any attempt at paralysing the functioning of this undertaking and its subsidiary are effectively dealt with and normalisation of activities and speedy development of this organisation ensured.

(vi) Need to declare Neora Valley as a National park and a Biosphere Reserve

SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI (Sikkim): The Neora Valley in the Kalimpong forest in Darjeeling district is one of the dense virgin forests in the country. It has a wealth of flora and some of which are rare species. There are about 2000 varieties of orchids alone. Some of the animal species are covered by the Wild Life Protection Act. The West Bengal Government in collaboration with the army is planning to build a water reservoir at 2000 m height in this valley. If this project goes through, there is every fear that this wilderness will be denuded. Already deforestation has done havoc around the valley. The construction of water reservoir will undoubtedly damage the valley eco-system in the area. According to the scientists, the Neora Valley is the last remnant of a distinctive vegetation in the West Bengal-Sikkim

Himalayas. It is, therefore, of paramount importance that the Neora Valley be declared as a National Park and a Biosphere Reserve. It is only then that its rich forest wealth along with the varieties of flora and fauna and indeed the whole ecological balance can be protected.

(vii) Need to Construct Memorial for martyrs of the Freedom Struggle in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA (Shahjahanpur): The country is celebrating its 40 years of Independence and to achieve this Independence, a number of persons had to give the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for the cause of freedom of their country. In District Shahjahanpur, three martyrs, namely, Shri Ram Prashad Bismil, Shri Ashfaquallah Khan and Shri Roshan Singh gave the supreme sacrifice. They were hanged by the Britishers during the freedom struggle. Even after 40 years of Independence, there is no suitable memorial yet for these martyrs.

I urge upon the Government to construct a suitable memorial in honour of these three martyrs in District Shahjahanpur so that coming generations may be inspired and know about the sacrifices made for achieving the freedom by their fore-fathers.

12.12 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (PUNJAB),
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[English]

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, let us take up next item "Further Discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget for the State of Punjab for 1988-89."

Time allotted is only two hours. We have already taken twenty four minutes and the