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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 The plant suffers from outdated technology, old plant and machinery and poor market potential for its products.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Limited, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Neyveli Lignite Corporation and other well reputed companies have been withdrawn which has resulted in huge loss for the company.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),
1988-89 *CONTD.*

[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