

[Sh. Ganga Ram]

and intensively thereby removing the backwardness of the area. Sir, the successful implementation of the plans and the schemes for various development can only be possible when taking in view the geographical situation and the density of the population, the administrative unit is smaller as far as possible just as this principle is applicable on the reorganisation of the big States resulting in their forming of smaller states separately by dividing them. With this in view, the Central Government had formed smaller States. According to this principle the administrative units of the states should be reorganised into smaller units. The district units in the different states of the country should be reorganised into smaller units. Thus it would be desirable to bifurcate Agra district into two separate districts of Firozabad and Agra. From the point of view of administrative convenience. Intensive agitation is also going on in Firozabad for this purpose. For solving the problem the Government is requested to provide financial help to the Uttar Pradesh Government.

[English]

(iv) Need to exercise influence to bring an end to Iran-Iraq War.

SHRI AZIZ QURESHI (Satna): The recent violent incidents in the holy City of Mecca, during the Haj pilgrimage of 1987, is a cause of anguish and worry for millions of Muslims of India in particular and for crores of other peace-loving people in general.

India has been a most sincere friend of Arab and Muslim countries from times immemorial. Whether it had been the issue of restoration of Khilafat in Turkey or the issue of Palestine, or the Anglo-French Israel aggression on Suez Canal, our leaders have always stood by their Arab and Muslim friends, when on some occasions even

countries like Pakistan have opposed the Arab cause. While one has full sympathy with the people killed during these incidents, one is compelled to recognise the absolute right of the Government of Saudi Arabia to administer control and make the necessary arrangements during Haj for all the pilgrims without any distinction of country or nationality. One cannot but agree that no political demonstration or procession should be organised or allowed to take place during such holy occasion which is one of the greatest obligations of Islam.

These incidents might add fuel to the fire in respect of Iran-Iraq War and may escalate to a larger area which can endanger the world peace and adversely affect the trade, commerce, and employment and other interests of millions of India.

The presence of super powers and American declaration to establish a naval base in the Arabian Gulf is also a matter of constant worry.

The Government of India should use its good offices to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war so that a cordial and friendly atmosphere is created and such incidents as happened in Mecca do not recur.

[Translation]

(v) Need to implement the multi-purpose project to channelise the water of Pindar river into Saryu, Gomti and Ramganga.

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is a long standing demand for formulating a multi-purpose project to channelise a part of the water of Pindar river into Saryu, Gomti and Ramganga rivers. This project will go a long way in meeting the electricity requirements and also the drinking water and irrigation