

Jammu and Kashmir State is in a shambles. Most of the house boats and hotels are vacant. It has become extremely difficult for the house boat owners and the hoteliers to pay off the loans to the banks which they had raised over a period of past seven years to run their trade.

Numerous industries which flourish only when the tourist industry is viable such as wood carving, paper machine embroidery, crewel, carpet making and shawl making are facing the worst slump. There has been fall in the number of domestic tourists visiting the State for obvious reasons. But there is no reason why there should be fall in the number of foreign visitors to the State. One does not understand as to why only 5 per cent of the international tourists that visit India come to Kashmir. On the basis of the facts that are known to me, Kashmir is not being told as a tourist destination to international community through our tourist offices in the world Capitals.

I would propose the following :—

1. That Government of India take vigorous measures directed towards recovery of tourist industry in Kashmir.
2. A group of experts may be deputed to Middle East countries for attracting tourists to Kashmir and Ladakh.
3. Srinagar Airport may be declared as an international airport.
4. All tourist offices working abroad must be asked to check up brochures/pamphlets etc. on tourism in India and indicate Vaishno Devi, Kashmir and Ladakh as tourist destinations.
5. That Government of India may depute a senior experienced officer to Srinagar to assess the present position of slump in the tourist industry and suggest

measures to promote tourism in Kashmir.

- (v) Need to take effective steps to ban manufacturing and testing of all nuclear weapons to achieve complete disarmament in the world

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY (Krishnagiri) : Today, the 6th August, 1985 is reminding the entire world and the humanity the 40th anniversary of the worst-ever Atomic bombing by the United States of America of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during Second World War. The whole mankind including the people of U. S. A. and other nuclear-weapon producing countries are opposing the use of nuclear weapons. If there is any nuclear warfare in future, it is certain that there will be nobody to celebrate the victory of the nuclear war.

I congratulate the Head of State of the Soviet Union for having announced unilaterally that his country will not resort to any further nuclear tests from 6th August, 1985. I believe that this is the first and vital step towards banning of nuclear weapons. I appeal to the President of USA for similar announcement banning all nuclear tests by the United States of America.

The NAM under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister of India could alone make the entire world to desist from nuclear warfare and also star war programme envisaged by the President of USA which will not only affect and destroy the earth but also the outer space.

The recently concluded six-Nation Summit's appeal to the Super Powers and the prompt initiatives of our Prime Minister by having fruitful dialogues during his recent visits to the Soviet Union and the United States of America, have paved the way for their ensuing Summit meeting at Geneva on 19th November, 1985 over the question of Nuclear disarmament.

I appeal to the Chairman of NAM to take further effective steps in banning of

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manufacturing and testing of all nuclear weapons and ultimately to achieve 'Complete Disarmament' in the whole world.

(vi) Sufficient funds needed for early completion of new Railway line from Mankhurda to Belapur

SHRI S. G. GHOLAP (Thane) : It is a fact that Bombay is overcrowded and therefore unless New Bombay is developed newcomers cannot be accommodated. The Prime Minister has also said that new cities should be created round about old cities. New Bombay is coming up but there is no Railway line and therefore it is quite essential to complete the Railway line earlier. There is already a proposal to have a Railway line from Mankhurda to Belapur. But it is a fact that a very small provision is made in the Budget. It is the urgent need of the time that more funds should be provided to complete the same railway line. Therefore steps should be taken by the Central Government to provide more funds for the said line from Mankhurda to Belapur.

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Rajhans. You can afterwards continue and have your say.

(vii) Boosting the exports of Madhubani Paintings to U.S.A, Canada, France etc. and also to promote export of other handicrafts of Mithila region.

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : There is a tremendous possibility for the export of non-traditional items from North Bihar, particularly Mithila region. At one time Madhubani painting was very popular in foreign countries, particularly in the U.S.A, Canada and France and it earned handsome foreign exchange also. But gradually its export declined substantially. As a result, this art is virtually dying in the region of its origin, that is, Mithila. It is, therefore, requested that the Commerce Ministry should make fresh efforts to boost the export of Madhubani paintings in the above countries. In this connection effort should be made to exhibit Madhu-

bani paintings in Bharat Mela at present being held in the U.S.A. and France. At the same time, efforts should also be made to promote the export of handicrafts of Mithila which had attracted the attention of the foreigners in the past. There is also a good deal of scope to export either mangoes or mango pulp to gulf countries from this region. It is requested that the Commerce Ministry should explore this possibility also

12.22 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS  
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[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The House will now continue discussion on Supplementary Demands for Grants. Dr. Rajhans, you have to carry on. That is what I said. You do not have to take the trouble of sitting and again getting up.

[Translation]

DR. G.S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I was saying yesterday, there should be monitoring of the funds which the Government provided to the States. It has been stated at page 4 of the Supplementary Demands for Grants that—

[English]

Budget includes Rs. 400 crores for the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. As a result of post-Budget decision, additional funds to the extent of Rs. 100 crores for construction of houses for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes will be provided to State Governments under the programme. It has also been decided to release additional amount of Rs. 110.34 crores to the State Governments for distribution of foodgrains at subsidised rates under the programme during the