

It is covered with layers of lime coating which is 18 inches thick. It has been carrying such thick dead plaster for last three hundred years and exerts a total pressure of 150 kgs. per square metre. The load increase three-fold during the rainy season as water seeps through the porous plaster. If the dead plaster is allowed to remain, the "shikhar" (top portion) might crumble during rainy season. Though archaeologists have discovered innumerable cracks, voids and gaps beneath the plaster, adequate steps have not been taken to repair them in time despite the fact that it was declared a protected monument in 1975.

As such, I urge upon the Government to direct the Archaeological Survey of India to complete the deplastering work in a scientific manner and save the temple from further deterioration.

(iii) Demand for early payment of the third instalment of D. A. due to Central Government Employees

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) : On the recommendation of the Fourth Pay Commission, the Central Government has agreed to release D.A. instalments to its employees twice in a Calender year, i.e., from 1st January and 1st July. Accordingly, two instalments were paid. But the third instalment due from 1st July 1987 has not yet been paid to the employees though a substantially long period has since elapsed. The inordinate delay in announcing the D.A. instalment is causing great hardship and creating frustration among the employees.

It would be appreciated that D.A is only given to the employees to enable them to meet a part of their increased expenses due to price hike. Employees getting fixed pay can't survive if they are not compensated in time. Due to this reason only D.A. formula was evolved.

It is, therefore, suggested that the Government should announce immediate release of third instalment of D.A. to its employees payable from 1st July 1987.

(iv) Demand for declaring Bangalore city a national city

SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI

(Bellary) : I request the Minister for Urban Development to declare Bangalore as a national city. The Ministry of Urban Development has sought views of the State Government, among others, on the recommendations made in its report by the National Commission on Urbanisation. Karnataka Government has submitted its report. Bangalore city is the place of pride and prestige of the nation. Bangalore city is regarded as the garden city of India and it is a beautiful city too. Bangalore is a metropolis city where people of different castes, creeds, religion and languages live in harmony. Bangalore city has defence-oriented organisations and various other Industries. In these circumstances, I request that Bangalore city should be declared as a national city.

(v) Demand for a T.V. relay centre at Amalapuram in Andhra Pradesh

SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO (Amalapuram) : Amalapuram in Andhra Pradesh is having more than 10 lakh population. Most of the population is dependant of agriculture. There is no TV Relay Centre at Amalapuram. The people of the areas are very disappointed because of this. This matter has been raised many a time but no action has been taken so far. Due to the absence of TV Relay centre at Amalapuram, people are spending much more money on accessories than on the TV set. To watch the TV Programmes, people are using boosters and tall TV aerials. People are very much interested to watch the TV programmes specially relating to agriculture.

I again request the Government to install a TV Relay Centre at the earliest at Amalapuram in Andhra Pradesh.

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Demand for excavations at places of archaeological importance in Bihar particularly at Manjhi, Chirand and Chechar

SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH (Chapra) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Ganga and the Ghaghra pass through Saran and Vaishali districts of Bihar.