

13.53 hrs.

ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the protection and improvement of environment and for matters connected therewith.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the protection and improvement of environment and for matters connected therewith”.

The motion was adopted.

SHRI Z.R. ANSARI : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

13 54 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[Translation]

- (i) **Need to provide compensation and rehabilitation grants to the persons whose houses and crops have been damaged due to water logging in various parts of Rajasthan**

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar) : There has been constant water logging for the last two or three years in the area from Mastiwali first head to Suratgarh head of the Ghaghar Flood Control and the Indira Gandhi canal as a result of which water has entered the residential areas of the villagers located in this area and damaged their houses. The farmers can not cultivate their land. Consequently the farmers of the area have been deprived of the means of their livelihood. The Government has given only nominal financial assistance to some of the affected persons.

Therefore, I earnestly appeal to the Central Government to give rehabilitation grant and compensation to the persons of the area whose houses have been damaged partially/completely due to this water logging. The land which has been rendered uncultivable should be reclaimed with the help of modern machines. The recovery of various loans of Government and banks should be stopped.

- (ii) **Need to connect Ranakpur Jain Temple in the Aravali Hills of Rajasthan with Vayudoot Service**

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA (Pali) : There are many places of tourist interest in India and the beautiful and famous Ranakpur Jain Temple in Aravali hills of Rajasthan is one of them. It is a beautiful piece of art. Thousands of tourists visit this place and now the foreign tourists are also attracted towards it. But this beautiful tourist place is cut off for want of transport facility and no easy, comfortable and time saving means of transportation are available there.

If this beautiful tourist spot is connected by Vayudoot service the tourist can visit this scenic place directly from Ahmedabad or Udaipur. The Vayudoot service can be linked with Ahmedabad which can then be extended upto Udaipur, the city of beautiful lakes. It will also provide transport facility to the tourists who want to visit various artistic places of Jaisalmer. I think if Minister of Tourism and Minister of Civil Aviation pay attention towards it, they will get all necessary cooperation from the people of Rajasthan. I hope that, if this is found feasible from all angle, the Government will not hesitate to introduce Vayudoot service and will not deprive the tourists from viewing these beautiful artistic places. This proposition will also not cause any economic strain on the exchequer.

- (iii) **Need to introduce Vayudoot Service linking Trivandrum and Cochin with Kumali in the Western Ghats region**

[English]

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Idukki) : Sir, the Vayudoot service was introduced in