

Moradabad district of Uttar Pradesh, there is a flourishing utensil industry and the Government earns foreign exchange by exporting these products. This industry has also been affected due to inadequate power supply.

In my opinion, if the State Governments are unable to supply the required power, then efforts should be made to set up power stations in the private sector, so that power requirements could be met and the industries and the ordinary people are not affected by power shortages.

I would, therefore, request the Hon. Minister of Energy to pay special attention to it and issue necessary instructions to the State Governments in this regard.

[English]

- (iii) Demand for an electronic design and technology centre at Bhubaneswar in Orissa

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack): Sir, the Department of Electronics have set up centres for electronic design and technology at Srinagar and Bangalore which are catering to the design requirements for the industries around the Northern and Southern zones. It is also learnt that they are intending to set up similar institution in the Eastern Region.

With the activities generated in computer and electronics in Orissa, there is a strong necessity also to generate the knowledge and schemes required for electronic industries and also for imparting education and training at academic institutions to bring up electronic engineers. There is also a necessity to set up a Research and Development Centre in Orissa by the Department of Electronics.

As the climatic condition of Orissa is favourable for the establishment of such electronic design and technology centre and as the Government had a proposal to locate such one centre in the Eastern Zone, I demand that Bhubaneswar should be selected for the location of such an Institute which will also immediately help to boost industrialisation and would continue to the economic welfare of the people of the state of Orissa.

[Translation]

- (iv) Need to construct an overbridge over Lucknow-Naka Railway crossing on Sultanpur-Lucknow road

SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH (Sultanpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the following important matter under Rule 377.

The Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh is surrounded by railway lines on its three sides. In the absence of an overbridge over Lucknow-Naka railway crossing on Sultanpur-Lucknow road, the people travelling in buses from the eastern districts are delayed by hours because of frequent closure of the railway crossings.

I would, therefore, request the Hon. Railway Minister to construct an overbridge over Lucknow-Naka railway crossing for the benefit of the commuters.

[English]

- (v) Need to protect the Chambal Valley reservoirs from sedimentation and to take measures to stop the illegal operations in the Chambal catchment area

SHRI JUJHAR SINGH (Jhalawar): Soil Erosion and Environmental deterioration are the major problems of Agriculture Sector in the rural areas of our country. As much as 998.76 lakh hectares of land is reported to be suffering from soil erosion, out of which 172.65 hectares are in Rajasthan alone. Considering the magnitude of this problem, Government of India is liberally investing funds for checking soil erosion and for improving environmental conditions all over. In Kota and Jhalawar Districts of Rajasthan also, we have an Anti-soil Erosion and Forest Preservation Scheme in the Chambal catchment areas. This is with a view to protect the Chambal reservoirs of Gandhi Sagar of Rana Pratap Sagar and of Jawahar Sagar from sedimentation in the last two decades. Crores of rupees have been spent on this scheme but the result is quite contrary to what had been contemplated.

Forests have been destroyed, illegal mining operations have been permitted and cattle colonies have been allowed to establish since the project came into force.