

has not progressed. Consequently the villages in these areas have no link with other parts of the country as there are no link roads also upto the national highways.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that the Central Government should constitute a high power committee to conduct survey of the rail and road routes of the said areas and to assess the transport priorities of these areas for further necessary action by the Central Government.

[English]

(ii) Need to give the Status of a Full-fledged University to Jamia Milia

SHRI AZIZ QURESHI (Satna): The University of Jamia-Milia-Islamia had been, and continues to be the cradle and custodian of our rich cultural and academic heritage, and had also been a citadel of nationalist movement during freedom struggle.

It was founded and developed under the inspiration, guidance and patronage of great national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Ansari, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Ali Brothers, Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, Maulana Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru etc. Persons like Dr. Zakir Hussain dedicated the best part of their lives in building it to promote nationalist ideas, and awaken the Muslims from the slumber of decades and fight Muslim communalism. In this sacred task, his great comrades were persons like Dr. Abid Hussain, Prof. Mujeeb and late Shafiqurehman Kidwai etc. who also dedicated their entire lives for this noble cause. Still its Faculty of Mass Communication is rendering a sterling service in the same spirit of the past; and it needs to be given every protection and patronage.

It is an irony of fate that inspite of these glaring facts, Jamia Milia still has not been given the status of a full-fledged University, and yet is only a deemed-to-be university. Nor has anything been done to commemorate the memories of above-mentioned persons who brought lustre to the academic and literary life of the country.

Government of India should initiate immediate action in issuing immediate orders to give the status of a full-fledged university to Jamia Milia, and to establish Chairs in Jamia and other universities, and also naming roads and buildings in the revered memories of persons like Late Shafiqurehman Kidwai, Prof. Mujeeb and Dr. Abid Hussain, whose writings, books and translations are treated as classics in the academic and literary world, and other such eminent scholars.

[Translation]

(iii) Need to Cancel the Mining Leases Near Chittorgarh to protect the Historical Monuments and Check Pollution

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT (Chittorgarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under rule 377 I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the action of the Mining Department which is making the historic city, Chittorgarh of Rajasthan ugly.

In the land of Chittorgarh the blood of brave heroes and heroines had been shed, who were foremost to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the freedom of the country. There are monuments of these freedom fighters at a number of places, but I am pained to say that the Mining Department is issuing mining lease indiscriminately. Birla Cement Factory has also been issued such a lease. It is situated quite near the city of Chittorgarh. The pollution caused by it is having very adverse effect on the health of the people and the cattle there. Due to the mining lease granted within the radius of 4 or 5 kilometers of the city, land is being dug up and blasting is also taking place around this city. The historical monuments of this area including the temples are being demolished by the factory people.

The pasture land pertaining to Chamriya Khera and Ochhari Villages and also land belonging to the tribals and Scheduled Caste people have been allotted to Birla Cement factory on mining lease. I strongly urge that this factory which is