

[Prof. Nirmala Kumari Shaktawat]

situated quite near the city should be shifted elsewhere so that the pollution in this area could be checked and the monuments of historical importance saved from demolition. The mining lease earlier granted within the radius of five or seven kilometers of the city should be cancelled and a new lease beyond the radius of 20 or 25 kilometers may be granted, because the lime-stone is available there also.

13.00 hrs.

[English]

- (iv) Need to Consider Pali and Prakrit Languages for Annual State Awards and Also to Increase the Amount of Award

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur) : The Govt. of India has instituted ten Annual State Award for eminent scholars of Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian. There are two other classical languages in our country, namely, Pali and Prakrit which have a rich treasure of religious and secular literature in them. So, I request the Govt. to include there two languages also in the list of classical languages for awards. Moreover, the number of awards at present for the whole country is very small. I request the Govt. to increase the number of awards to twenty-five and also increase the amount of award which is Rs. 5000/- at present with effect from next financial year i.e. 1986-87 to Rs. 10,000/- each.

[Translation]

- (v) Demand for Opening Godowns for Jute, Fertilizers etc. at Gopal Ganj in Bihar with the Assistance of World Bank

SHRI KALI PRASAD PENDEY (Gopalganj) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Central Warehousing Corporation, an undertaking of the Central Government is constructing godowns in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of the World Bank for storage of jute and fertilizers. It is a matter of regret that the eastern region has been deprived

of this facility. Bihar is predominantly an agricultural State and it is still backward in every respect.

Therefore, I request the Central Government that a similar godown may be set up in the Gopalganj district with the assistance of the World Bank. Gopalganj had been a land of activities of revered Bapuji, but even after 38 years of independence, it has been remained totally undeveloped district.

[English]

- (vi) Fixation of Reasonable Price of Tyre and Demand for Nationalisation of Tyre Industry

SHRI ANIL BASU (Arambagh) : A serious situation has arisen in the country wherein the tyre manufacturers are manipulating supplies of the commodity and creating artificial scarcity of tyre in the market and forcing the government to increase prices at least two times in the past eighteen months. Even then truck/bus tyres are selling at Rs. 1600/- extra per tyre over and above the government fixed price. Although the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices was asked to conduct a study of the price increase a decision on the said study is still to be taken. Meanwhile, the consumers are being drained @ Rs. 1600/- per tyre extra as, in the absence of a clear-cut government decision, the tyre manufacturers are creating artificial scarcity of truck-bus tyre by short supplying tyres in the open market. Another method being resorted to, by the manufacturers, is low capacity utilization of the plants despite of demand in the market. Most of the tyre manufacturing units are being mismanaged and in the absence of any competition, the manufacturers have the pendency to diversify their activities at the cost of the industry. The time has come for the government to look into the matter of and nationalise the industry so that the consumers are not taken for a ride any more and the industry is saved, in which a considerable number of workers are employed. I also urge upon the government to take immediate steps for fixing the price of all types of tyre at a