

reasonable price. I also request the Minister to make a statement in the House on this matter.

(vii) Immediate steps needed to check the Trend of rise in Price of Essential Commodities

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI (Bhubaneswar): That in spite of the reported assertions of the government that the overall prices situation had considerably improved, the price of most essential commodities have registered a noticeable increase in the past three months. It was stated by the government that the wholesale price index had moved down by 2 per cent. But it has no logical effect in the retail prices of essential commodities. The price of arhar dal; chana dal, mustard oil and vanaspathi has shot up like anything. Similarly vegetable prices show no sign of taking downward trend either. Tomatoes and onions which are normally available at reasonable prices at this time have also gone beyond the reach of common man. In view of these rising trends of prices of essential commodities I urge upon the government to take immediate and drastic steps for curbing this rising trend of retail prices.

(viii) Demand for a "Polyester Filament Yarn" Factory in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY (Hanamkonda): The hon. Minister for Industry, Shri Narayan Dutt Tiwari has announced that the Government of India had decided to start an industry worth Rs. 140 crores of POLYESTER FILAMENT YARN' in Andhra Pradesh. More industries are coming in Hyderabad and border districts of Hyderabad city, i.e. Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Medak and Ranga Reddy. Day by day due to industries the population of the city and also the surrounding area of the city are becoming more crowded. As a result, people are not getting civic amenities like water, electricity and sewage facilities, and there is air pollution. The Warangal district border is 70 km. from Hyderabad city and its airport. In Warangal district lot of unemployment problem is prevailing as com-

pared to other districts. There are no adequate irrigation facilities. This area has low rainfall in Andhra Pradesh. There are some areas like Jangaon, Ghana-pur, Kodakandla and Chuiyal (old taluks) which are chronic drought area declared by the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Due to non-availability of the ground water the drought-prone area programme is not being successfully implemented. So, the people are migrating and there is frustration among the youth. The only way open is to provide employment by establishing more industries. The people of Warangal district were hopeful of a Coach Factory. But in the interest of national integration, the coach factory is shifted to Punjab. At least 'Polyester Filament Yarn' industry may be established in Warangal district. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is ready to provide all the facilities such as land at cheaper rate as the above lands are not useful for agricultural purposes due to non-availability of water.

In view of the above facts, I request the Central Government to set up the above factory in Warangal and provide employment to the unemployed youth of Warangal i.e. Jangaon, and Kazipet.

[Translation]

(ix) Need to Look into the Grievances of Postal Employees in the Country

DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar): *A very large number of people of the country is depending upon Postal facilities. But the Postal Service is becoming worse day by day. Fifteen years ago, ours was the best Postal service in the world. But now its condition is not good. The Central Government, which has given much importance to tele-communications has ignored the Postal services.

There are temporary employees in the Postal department who work for five hours a day and get only Rs. 150/- per month. Even the officers in the department

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