

- (ii) Need to connect Giridih with Kodarma and Kodarma with Hazaribagh by a railway line.

SHRI TILAKDHARI SINGH (Kodarma) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377 I would like to raise the following matter :—

Hazaribagh circle of Bihar State should be linked by a railway line. For this purposes, a railway line should be laid from Giridih to Kodarma and from Kodarma to Hazaribagh. Previously, many Railway Ministers made an announcement regarding linking of Hazaribagh with a railway line. But so far no action has been taken.

I would request the Government to link Hazaribagh with Giridih and Kodarma with Hazaribagh by a railway line.

[English]

- (iii) Need to send a team to Ahmednagar to assess the gravity of situation caused by drought and to render necessary relief to the farmers.

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL (Kopergaon) : Sir, for the last three years the condition of Ahmednagar district is highly deplorable in all aspects, e. g. due to absence of the rain, its entire area is under the grip of famine. The farmers' and the people's condition has gone from bad to worse. They are to walk miles together in search of water. The drought has affected adversely thousands of acres of sugarcane and grape crops, horticulture and vegetable crops. This has resulted in non-repayment of loans to the Banks by the small and medium farmers. The area of the entire district should be covered in the Crop Insurance Scheme for the above crops in 1985-86. Government should send a team to study the whole situation and to help the farmers. Their grievances are genuine and the Government may look into them.

- (iv) Need to accelerate the process of setting up a "Navodaya Vidyalaya" in rural area of district Alwar, Rajasthan.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar) : Sir, the rural area of District Alwar, Raj-

asthan State, has been tentatively examined for setting up a Navodaya Vidyalaya as per the new Education Policy of the Government. Selected talented students of rural areas would get impetus in their educational, academic career in such institutions. These institutions would be able to create an environmental and academic improvement in outlook and thinking of students. The spirit of national integration, secularism and patriotism would be deeply imbibed in the character of students studying in these institutions. The Union Government have to come forward with a time-bound programme of providing at least one such educational institution in each and every district of the nation. But the present pace of progress in selection of sites, providing funds, pattern of teaching staff and school curriculum needs acceleration in this matter.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to accelerate the process of setting up a Navodaya Vidyalaya in the rural area of District Alwar, Rajasthan State, so that students of rural areas may soon get an opportunity to exhibit their talent and ability.

- (v) Need to establish a centre for women's studies at Berhampur University of Orissa to carry on research studies on the development of women.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska) : The setting up of the department for human resources development has drawn the attention on the fact that women in India constituted the largest unprivileged section of society and needed to be brought on a par with men by encouraging wider participation of the women at all levels of activity. The Prime Minister has appropriately emphasized on the functions of the voluntary organisations with appropriate programme chalked out by the various ministries, especially for the development of women and children.

I propose the Centre for Women Studies be encouraged to carry on research studies on the development of women. A centre for Women's Studies may be established at Berhampur University of Orissa.