

had given an assurance on the floor of the House to take up the project. But it is regrettable that the proposal has not been implemented so far.

The estimate for Paradeep fishing harbour has been updated from time to time. At present about 500 boats are operating in Paradeep area and these boats are being accommodated temporarily at wooden jetties in a very limited space inside the turning basin of main harbour without any facility. In the absence of fishing harbour facility, the boats are creating problems for the Port Authority. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary that a fishing harbour is set up at Paradeep without any further delay. I request the concerned Ministers to take necessary steps in this regard.

- (vi) Need to declare birthday of Jagajyothi Basaveswara a national holiday and instal his statue in front of Parliament House

SHRI G S. BASAVARAJ (Tumkur): Sir, in the 12th Century, on the auspicious day of Vyshaka Akshaya Thadige, which falls this day, the great Jagajyothi Basaveswara, the socio-economic reformer of this country was born in Karnataka. Under his leadership, he tried to unite the whole nation as one. He was the greatest social, political, economic and philosophical reformer. He did this in a more effective manner than Karl Marx. He created a casteless and classless society in those days. His preachings and lyrics deserve to be followed. He was the first man to organise a Parliament, called as 'Anubhavamantap' wherein every person was free to take part in the debate. He was responsible for the union of the upper and lower classes into one society, irrespective of profession, status, wealth, etc. In addition, he arranged for marriages between the upper and lower classes. As Prime Minister of State, he was a great administrator and he was also simple and humble. He made the people work, earn and eat, i.e., "Work is Worship" (*Kayakave Kylasa*).

Hence, I request our beloved Hon. Prime Minister. Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to take the following action immediately in the interest of developing a better socialistic pattern of society for our country on the lines of what Jagajyothi Basaveswara had thought of :

- (1) His birthday should be observed as a national holiday to perpetuate his preachings to create a more healthy society.
- (2) His statue should be installed in front of the Parliament House to provide inspiration to one and all from his preachings and actions.
- (3) All his writings, together with the writings of other great men and women contemporaries; which are now in Kannada language, should be translated into all the national and world languages and published all over the world to create an atmosphere for every human being of this world to live as one and feel as one.
- (4) His birth place and places of preachings and the places of practices are all to be declared as ancient monuments of our country and thus protected to inspire the minds of the present and future generations.
- (vii) Need to allocate more railway wagons for movement of Steel materials to Coimbatore daily

SHRI N. SOUNDARARAJAN (Sivakashi): Sir, there are about 400 foundries in Coimbatore district in Tamil Nadu. All these foundries are on the verge of closure due to non-availability of pig iron, a raw material, throwing thousands of workers out of jobs at present in Coimbatore.

[Shri S. Soundararajan]

Every month foundries are in need of 3,000 tons of pig iron. For the past few months, pig iron is not available in full quantity. The officials of Steel Authority of India in Madras and Coimbatore have been saying that the shortages of pig iron in these foundries are due to non-availability of wagons for transport.

So, I urge upon the Hon. Railway Minister to allocate adequate wagons daily to the steel plant for movement of steel materials to Coimbatore on a war footing.

[*Translation*]

- (viii) Need to direct the Archaeology Department to take over Shantigrama troubles in Hassan district of Karnataka

*DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar) : The village Shantigrama in Hassan district, Karnataka State is named after the most famous dance exponent of the 11th century, Shantaladevi, the queen consort of Vishnu Vardhana of Hoysala Dynasty. In this village there are Soumyakeshava temple, Yoganarasimha temple and a Jain temple, the monuments of architectural aesthetics of Hoysala kings. They are about ten miles away from Hassan and on the way to Shravanabelagola, the abode of Gomateswara, the God of Jains. All these three temples are in a dilapidated condition and have become the victims of vandalism of 20th century. There is none to look after these temples. In fact the Jain temple has been under lock for the last several years. The great temples, namely, Chennakeshava temple, Hosaleswara and Shantaleswara temple and Gomateshwara temple in Halebeedu, Belur and Shravanabelagola respectively have attracted the attention of internationally renowned insatiable art lovers. The temples of Shantigrama need the protection of the General Government's Department of

Archaeology. I urge the Education Minister to direct the Department of Archaeology to take over these temples under its protective wings immediately and preserve them for posterity.

- (ix) Need to arrange adequate supply of diesel to Gorakhpur district for the use of agriculturalists

SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD (Bansgaon) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the following matter under rule 377.

Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the scarcity of diesel in District Gorakhpur. Threshing of wheat is in full swing and there is acute shortage of diesel in the entire district of Gorakhpur and the eastern region. The farmers are suffering a lot on this account. Nature is also not favourable to the farmers this time, because the weather has also been inclement and there has been acute shortage of power in the entire State. Under these circumstances, the condition of the farmers can well be described through this couplet of "Ramayana" :

*"Grih grahit puni baat bas,
tappar bichhi Mari,
Tahi bijavai vahani,
kahu kanu upchaar"*

This means that the condition of the farmers has become very pitiable.

Sir, through you, I would request the Central Government to make arrangements without delay for the supply of diesel to the farmers in sufficient quantity.

* The speech was originally delivered in Kannada.