

rainy season. Similarly in the Barwara Legislative Assembly constituency there is an ancient suburb named Billary which consists of a lot of items of archeological interest towards which the department has neither paid any attention, nor has taken it over, and thus they are getting destroyed.

The Minister of Tourism should pay special attention on all these issues and should set up a Central Development Authority which may undertake the development works both in U.P. and Madhya Pradesh independently. Similarly a plan should be made for other places too and the Madhya Pradesh government should be given special funds for executing these works.

[English]

**(vii) Need to open Kendriya Vidyalaya in Etah, U.P.**

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN (Etah) : In Etah district in Uttar Pradesh, which is a backward district in the State, there are, at present, no good schools or a college where children could be admitted. Therefore, the parents are forced to send their children to distant places for their education. This causes considerable financial burden on the parents particularly belonging to the middle and lower income groups besides causing a lot of inconvenience to the children. Needless to emphasize that good education is a pre-requisite for the development of a child's mind in the early stages to make him a good citizen and ultimately for building up a healthy nation. But, unfortunately, the backward district of Etah is yet to be brought in the main-stream of country's progress in the educational field. A large number of people of Etah are serving outside the State on transferable jobs such as armed forces and other Central Government organisations and their children are suffering for want of good educational institutions. There

has been persistent demand for a Central School in Etah to overcome this problem.

I would, therefore, urge the Government that the feasibility of opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Etah may kindly be considered and necessary steps taken to open such an educational institution before the commencement of the next academic year in the larger public interest.

[Translation]

**(viii) Need to abandon the move to start casinos in Hotels to attract foreign tourists**

SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL (Phulpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House on this important subject under Rule 377:-

I am drawing the attention of the government of India on a very important subject. India is a very vast country known for its spiritualism, where the foreign tourists come to seek mental peace because they are fed up with the materialistic life in their own countries. The element of spiritualism here has unique place in the whole world, but it is sad that the government of India has taken this first step of opening casinos in hotels situated on the coasts of big cities like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Goa. The government feels that by doing so, it will succeed in attracting tourists. What is the propriety behind legally opening such things on the pious land of this country which are not only condemned by the people of this country but by the whole world. This results in the moral degeneration of humanity. It will severely damage nation's dignity and the economic and social development.

I wish that there should be a competition in good deeds in order to enter the 21st century. Sant Kabir has said in his discourse that:-

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"Jua, chori, mukhbari, byaj, parai nari. Jo chahe didaar ko, itni vastu niwari."

So I request the government that keeping the nation's interest in view, this move of opening casinos at different places should be abandoned.

SHRI BALKAVI BARAGI: Mr. Speaker Sir, now that Kabirdas ji is on stake, you should agree with him.

**(ix) Demand for more financial assistance to Rajasthan to meet the drought in the State**

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House on this important subject under Rule 377:-

Rajasthan has been facing drought for the last four years. This year's drought is the biggest drought of the century. The western desert area of Rajasthan is most affected by drought. This year out of 38901 villages of the state, 32270 villages, whose population is 2 crores, 62 lakhs and 69 thousands, are drought-affected. 3 crores, 52 lakhs and 45 thousands live-stock of the state are affected by drought.

The Rajasthan government had requested the Central government to allocate Rs. 1023 crores to meet the situation for the term from October 1987 to March 1988 out of which they had demanded Rs. 429.52 crores for giving jobs, Rs. 184.08 crores for materials Rs. 1 crore 80 lakh for tools and plant, Rs. 274 crores, 44 lakh, 60 thousand cattle for protection, Rs. 2 crores, 28 lakh for veterinary care and Rs. 14 crores, 74 lakhs and 80 thousand for providing drinking water.

Barmor, Jodhpur, and Jaisalmer dis-

tricts are the most drought-affected areas. The state government has been able to provide employment to only 10 per cent of the people in these areas, whereas it is essential to provide employment to at least 20 percent of the population.

The Rajasthan government has demanded from the Central government, a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs for rural population Rs. 31.50 crores in the form of .... grant and Rs. 22.50 crores in the form of loan in order to give 10 kg. wheat in grant, and Rs. 15 per person as loan every month in Jaisalmer, Barmer and Shergarh and Fauladi tehsil of Jodhpur districts, so as to enable them to survive.

So the Central government is requested to grant the total amount of Rs. 1023 crores to the Rajasthan government for the period of November'87 to March'88 and a sum of Rs. 31.50 crores for the most drought affected areas - Barmer and Jaisalmer districts and Shergarh and Fauladi tehsil of Jodhpur district, in the form of wheat - grant, and Rs. 22.50 crores in the form of loan for a period of 10 months to avoid starvation deaths.

[English]

**(x) Need to provide a halt of Konark Express at Kespur railway station in Ganjam district of Orissa**

SHRI SOMNATH RATH (Aska): Kespur Railway Station in District Ganjam in Orissa is centrally situated. Many traders, tourists, workers, common men in large number travel from this Railway Station. It is situated close to the famous Chilika Lake. Many foreigners also visit this area besides people in large numbers from different parts of the country. The Konark Express running from Bhubaneshwar to Hyderabad should halt at this Railway Station for travelling