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procession from Raj Path to Boat Club. Piqued by inaction of the Government, the Association had once again written a letter to PM on 10th June 1986 forwarding more than 200 letters received from the members demanding immediate implementation of their demands. The Government did not react even to this gesture. In another letter sent to the PM on 10th July 1986, the Association mentioned that they would be constrained to further their struggle if their just single-point demand is not implemented by 1st August 1986. More than 200 letters received from members were forwarded to the PM on this occasion too. Despite several attempts, the Government has not done anything concrete to solve the long standing problems of the service.

The Indian Economic Service which was set up with the great vision of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and with the recommendations of the expert Committee under the chairmanship of Shri V.T. Krishnamachari, the then Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission in 1961 for formulation, review, monitoring and planning of economic policies and programmes as also economic administration of the country for ensuring rapid economic transformation has been allowed to languish over the last 25 years of its existence due to gross mismanagement, administrative apathy and prejudicial approach by the cadre controlling authorities of the service. It is really distressing to note that for last 25 years since the inception of the service, there has been no cadre review, although it should have been done once in every three years.

In view of the prevailing dissatisfaction among the IES officers and the course of agitation undertaken by them, I urge upon the Government to intervene in the matter immediately and redress the grievances of the officers of this service.

(xix) Need to send a Central team to assess the damage caused by cloud bursts and heavy rains in Ladakh and Leh districts of Jammu & Kashmir and adopt remedial measures urgently

SHRI P. NAMGYAL (Ladakh) : Sir, six people are reported to have been

killed, many injured and wide spread damages to property, residential houses, cultivated lands, plantations and hundreds of goats, sheep and other cattle have perished caused by cloud-burst and unprecedented heavy rains in the last week of July and first week of August 1986 in many villages of Ladakh region including Bosso, Ney, Shang, Deskit, Lingshad and Fotoksar of Leh District and some areas of Zauskar and Karchey Valley of Kargil District. Some of the affected villages like Lingshad, Fotoksar and Lungnak area are lying in the most remote part of the Districts over hundreds of Kilometres from the district headquarters of Leh and Kargil and relief and assistance from the Government cannot be reached immediately. There is every likelihood of occurrence of such natural calamities in many remote areas of the region, information from such distant places may not have reached yet.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India for engaging Air Force helicopters to make aerial survey of the remote areas like Lingshad, Fotoksar, Yulchung-Neyrak, Tangyar-Digar of Ladakh district and Shoon-Shadey, Lungnak and Karchey nullah of Kargil district for possible occurrence of natural calamities and also for supply and dropping of essential commodities and medicines etc. to the affected people immediately. The State Government may also be directed to release relief and assistance to the affected people at the earliest. Also, a central team may be sent to Ladakh to assess the damages caused by floods and cloud-burst.

(xx) Need to ensure early sanction of licence to various Nationalised Banks and Gramin banks by the Reserve Bank of India for opening of their branches in Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Una districts of Himachal Pradesh

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur) : The inordinate delay in the grant of licences to the various Nationalised Banks by the Reserve Bank of India for opening new Branch Offices has resulted in extreme frustration among the people and the places where the