

(xv) **Need to take immediate measures to set up the proposed Himalayan Environmental Institute in Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh**

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora) : The Government of India had in 1982 sanctioned the establishment of the Himalayan Environmental Institute at Katarmal in Almora district in Uttar Pradesh. The State Government has also made available 500 acres of land for this purpose. The then Deputy Minister of Environment and Forests and Secretary of the Department of Environment had also inspected that site and approved of the suitability of the place.

Last year the Hon. Prime Minister had also agreed to lay the foundation stone of this Institute, but at the last moment this programme was cancelled due to some unavoidable reasons.

Immediate establishment of this Institute is absolutely necessary not only in the interest of the local people, but in the larger interests of the country as well. The Ministry of Environment should take immediate action in this regard.

(xvi) **Need to remove all kinds of exploitation from our social life**

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA (Pali) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, even after independence, our society is pursuing the policy of exploitation and suppression. The poor are still under the clutches of this wrong policy. The dishonest patwari of the village, the corrupt police officer, the shrewd businessman and some callous and cruel imperialist elements have been exploiting the poor and helpless people. The land is given to share croppers. Half of the produce is taken by the owner of the fields. The poor cultivator cannot take home even half of the produce despite his hard work.

The educated intellectuals like advocates exploit their clients. The head of the family in a house exploits the domestic servant, the shopkeeper exploits his accountant and sometimes the husband

is also seen exploiting his own wife. Small and destitute children are exploited in hotels, factories and other trades. Even today, children can be seen doing work on railway platforms, footpaths and in dirty streets under the scorching heat of the sun. Many cheats in the garb of saints exploit people. Many people in the name of the service of the nation offer various sorts of temptations to serve their own interests.

In this way, various sections of the society are indulging in exploitation. The Government has not been able to do away with the exploitation in the country by different classes, even after making legislation in this regard. The Government has not been able to ensure the minimum wages to the workers and agricultural labourers. The exploited section of the society should be liberated from the exploitation immediately. Until exploitation is removed from the society, the people who earn their living by working hard, will not be able to get due wages and also continue to fall victim to the cruelty of the contractors and the rich.

Therefore, if we want to bring about socialism and remove the exploitation in the country, then we will have to abolish the policy of exploitation and suppression by enacting strict laws so that the people who honestly earn their living may get the proper reward for their hard work.

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Daga has done a good job on exploitation, you should get him a Ph. D.

MR. SPEAKER : What should I get him ?

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Ph. D...

MR. SPEAKER : Ph. D. or riddance from the family members.