

by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 1958 to conduct research on arecanut and other related crops for the benefit of Maidan tracts of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The total area of this centre is 16-24 hectares. It also acts as a centre of the All India Co-ordinated coconut and arecanut improvement project. This centre has not so far been provided with full staff and now it is being suggested that the centre may be handed over to the University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore. The Centre is at present doing trials with coconut varieties and hybrids and developing integrated farming system involving these crops.

I would, therefore, request the Minister of Agriculture that since this centre is doing good research work for the benefit of arecanut and other crops, which will benefit farmers of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the Hirehalli centre should remain with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research itself and should not be transferred to the University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore. I also request that more staff may be provided so that research work could be pursued further.

12.21 hrs.

[SHRI SOMNATH RATH *in the Chair*]

**(iii) Need to take appropriate steps to save Konark Sun Temple and Jagannath Temple in Orissa from the effects of erosion**

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): Sir, the Konark Sun Temple and the Jagannath Temple, Puri are being affected by erosion. The studies undertaken by Ravenshaw College, Cuttack indicate that chloride ion concentration, present in the atmosphere, gets diluted in the rain water

and settles down on the surface of the temple causing stone erosion which affects the two temples mainly in rainy season.

The diluted ammonia or Zinc-zilico fluoride solution, used by ISI in cleaning process is also accelerating biological corrosion as alkaline medium helps the growth of algae and some common moss. The study claims that the chemicals used for cleaning are likely to destroy the structure. The random plantation of trees around the temple will not solve the problem.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider the study made by the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack so that these two historical monuments could be saved.

[*Translation*]

**(iv) Need to complete the remaining portion of rail link between Daitari and Banspani in Orissa**

\*SHRI HARIHAR SOREN (Keonjhar): Sir, development of infrastructure facilities such as roads, railway and port are essential pre-requisites for development of the mineral resources in Orissa. Although Orissa is endowed with vast and varied mineral resources, development of infrastructure facilities leaves much room for improvement.

In this connection, development of a direct rail link from the mining areas around Jeda, Barbil and Koira with Paradeep Port is most urgent and needs to be completed at the earliest. Construction of this rail link connecting Banaspani with Jakhapura has been sanctioned by Government of India and part of this link between Daitari and Jakhapura has already been constructed and opened for traffic. The portion between Daitari and Banspani remains to be completed. It is necessary that this rail link is

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\**Transcation of the matter Originally raised in Oriya.*

[Sh. Harihar Soren]  
 established during the Seventh Plan so that the export of iron ore through Paradeep Port could become most remunerative and attractive to the foreign buyers. Since due to constraints of sources, this project has not been made any progress, I urge upon the Government of India to consider favourably the proposal of M/s Hyuandai Corporation of South Korea.

**(v) Need to increase the quantum of assistance to the victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy**

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN (Bhopal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, we shall be observing fourth anniversary of Bhopal Gas tragedy on 3rd Dec., 1988. While on one hand, people of Bhopal have to face for reaching and complicated effects of gas, on the other hand, steps taken for rehabilitation are quite inadequate in the background of vast requirements.

Only Rs. 80 crores have been spent during the last four years, out of which Rs. 76.62 crores have been provided by the Central Government in the form of financial assistance. This assistance has been given on loan basis at the interest of 9.25 percent per annum, recovery of which has also been started.

The State Government has submitted a seven year working plan of Rs. 371 crores to the Central Government. Several requirements have not been induced therein. Similarly, keeping in view the price rise, the work plan might have to be extended beyond seven years. Ninth Finance Commission has recommended long-term interest free loans. The Central Government should arrange for a provision of at least Rs. 45 crores and release the same immediately.

[English]

**(vi) Need to make available essential data of 1981 census and rectify the mistake of bracketing Pahari and Gojri in Hindi Group of languages in Jammu and Kashmir**

PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla): It is unfortunate that most of the important details of the 1981 census are not available, even when the next census is falling due within a matter of two years. Most of the table that threw light on the socio-economic scenario previously, have been withheld by the Census Commission of India. Even the literacy figures depicting the status of various communities in India have not been released so far.

In my opinion, it amounts to suppression of information from the general public.

The Commission has also bracketed recognised languages into a lump and then characterised them as languages belonging to Hindi group of languages. This grouping is irrational and arbitrary. A case in point is the treatment meted out to Pahari and Gojri languages which are written and spoken languages in the J&K State. Pahari is spoken by about 14 lakh people in the J & K state and it has been recognised as a language in the constitution of J&K State. This language has a very rich stock of literature and it is a distinct language and does not fall within the Hindi group of languages. Similarly, Gojri is a language by itself. Bracketing Pahari and Gojri in J&K State with Hindi group of languages seems to be a mistake which will have to be rectified.

It is high time that the Government realise that Parliament alone is the supreme body to enunciate policy in such matters.