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12.30 hrs.

[English]

[SHRI SHARAD DIGHE *in the Chair*]

(x) Demand for stopping the involvement of private parties in designing and execution of defence projects

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA (Vishnupur): Military Engineering Services under Ministry of Defence was conceived for carrying out all the construction and maintenance and estate management of all Defence Ministry structures like air fields, administrative/technical/storage buildings, laboratories, ordinance factories, academics, water supply, roads, residential accommodation etc.

The MES employees and workers have hitherto proved that they are second to none in professional competence.

Unfortunately this department seems to be getting ignored by the Naval authorities in matter of Naval Constitution project management. I understand that a large chunk of project 'Sky lark' at Tirunelveli has been given to private authorities keeping a couple of Army Engineers to liaise between the Navy and the construction firms. Thus the secrets of Defence projects are passing into the hands of private bodies. I also understand that the Naval authorities have given the proposed Naval Academy Project at Ezhimalai, Kerala entirely to private firms to design and supervise.

Thus the trend to privatise the vital defence works in matters of design, construction and management of top defence priority projects involving strategic features and secrets of defence preparedness has been set in motion. I, therefore, urge upon the Hon. Minister of Defence to reverse this dangerous trend of involving private parties in Defence projects in the larger interest of national defence preparedness.

(xi) Need to take remedial measures to stop the spread of cholera in Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

SHRI SITARAM J. GAVALI (Dadra & Nagar Haveli): For the first time in the last several years, the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli is facing almost drought like situation this year. Drinking water sources like wells, bore wells, tanks have gone dry. This has further worsened due to absence of drinking water supply system.

Cholera has already spread in several villages with a death toll of seven persons so far in this Territory and there is every possibility of fast spreading of this killer disease, if immediate remedial measures for supply of pure drinking water are not taken.

I request that this Union Territory be declared as 'scarcity affected area' and all necessary scarcity relief works, particularly 'Food for work' scheme be started and hygienic drinking water be supplied to different villages of the territory.

Besides, both remedial and precautionary measures against cholera be taken in all villages of this territory.

(xii) Need for effective steps to be taken by NAM for ending Iran-Iraq War

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA (Sangrur): The country views with deep interest the special mission of External Affairs Secretary to Teheran where he lodged India's protest over the misleading anti-India propaganda by Radio Teheran on Communal incidents in our country and organised demonstrations in front of Indian