

[English]

- (iv) **Demand for paying attention to the miseries of the circus artistes and for discovering new sports talent from among them to be groomed as future sportsmen.**

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore): The state of Kerala in general and the District of Cannanore in particular has produced the largest number of circus artistes in the country

The outstanding performance and the unique acrobatic skill of the circus artistes from Kerala have left a deep imprint in the minds of millions in and outside our country.

One often forgets that behind the glitter and glamour there are pathetic stories of poverty and want. More often than not, it is sheer poverty that leads most artistes to the circus tents. Age and ill health drive the artistes away from the tents and they are left to feed for themselves. Life of a circus artistes is therefore often tragic

The circus is one of our skillful arts which involves rigorous practice, strenuous work and heavy risk. This art is unfortunately dying for want of proper encouragement and help from the Government. It is for the Government to see that this art is revived. The initial step should be to provide insurance coverage to the artistes. The Ministry for Human Resource Development should discover new sports talent especially acrobats—from among the circus artistes, to give them due encouragement, and to groom them as future sports promises of our country.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to pay special attention to Indian circus which will enable us to reach new heights in Indian and International sports.

[Translation]

- (v) **Demand for a Scheme for diverting to Kanpur the Ganga water flowing towards Unnao.**

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI (Bilhaur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Kanpur, one of the major industrial and populated cities of North India, is situated on the banks of the holy Ganga. But for the past many years, the Ganga has changed its course and the main stream has shifted from the Ghats of Kanpur to the other side in Unnao district. Consequently, thousands of pilgrims, have to walk about 9 kms. in the sand to have a holy dip in the river. Besides, the Kanpur Electric Power House and water works are facing great difficulty in supplying power and water to the citizens.

Therefore, I request the Centre that for solving the above mentioned problems it should get a survey conducted with the help of the State Government with a view to chalking out a programme for construction of a 20 km. long canal from Brahmavart Bithur, the point from where the main stream has shifted its course towards Unnao district, to divert water towards the Kanpur Ghats. This should be done in a planned manner and the work should be started immediately so that the long standing demand of the people is met.

[English]

- (vi) **Steps to increase production of pulses.**

SHRI A. JAYAMOHAN (Tiruppattur): In recent months, prices of pulses have shot up ranging from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 11/- per kg. in the retail markets. The sudden spurt in the prices of pulses is mainly due to the stagnant domestic production for the past two decades or more. According to estimates, it is expected that the production of pulses would be about 13 million tonnes in 1986-87. In view of the prevailing weak monsoon conditions, the current year's production is expected to be well below 12.