

MR. SPEAKER: It is the Governor's job. I cannot do it.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: You are not concerned with the Union Home Minister.....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Home Minister is the Home Minister of the Government of India and the whole country is one. He can go anywhere he likes. I cannot stop him.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It is upto the Governor.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Can he threaten legislators there that if they do not ensure the stability of the Congress Government, there will be central intervention? (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: If anybody is threatened, the least I can say about any legislator or MLA, who can be threatened, is, I think, shame on him.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: He spoke without my permission. It does not form part of the record.

(Interruptions)**

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[Translation]

- (i) **Demand for direction to U.P. Government and the State Electricity Board to utilise the amount given by REC for electrification of the rural areas only in the hilly regions of the State**

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): The progress of rural electrification is quite un-

satisfactory in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Pithauragarh, Chamauli, Almora, Tihari, Uttar Kashi and Pauri. The average of electrification in these areas is quite low as compared to that of electrification at national and regional level.

The responsibility of electrification in these areas lies with the State Electricity Board. The State Electricity Board takes Loan for electrification in these areas from Rural Electrification Corporation and the amount is also allotted for this purpose under the Hilly Areas Sub-Plan. But the State Electricity Board does not utilize the funds in these areas. Besides, the funds allocated under Hill Areas Sub Plan are also partially utilized in these areas. In this way the State Electricity Board had been doing injustice persistently with these areas.

The Ministry of Energy and the Planning Commission should direct the State Government as well as the Electricity Board to utilize the funds allotted for these areas only for the electrification purposes of these areas. ... (Interruptions)

- (ii) **Demand for increasing the Procurement of Iron ore from Banspani-Barbil and Barjamda-Sector and Mayurbhanj district of Orissa**

*SHRI HARI HAR SOREN: (Keonjhar): The Banspani-Barbil and Barjamda-Sector in Orissa is famous for iron-ore not only in the State but in the whole country. The ores available in Banspani-Barbil and Barjamda Sector have great demand in the international market. Thousands of workers are engaged in the iron-ore industry in Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts of the State. Now, a serious situation has arisen due to the sharp decline in the

**Not recorded.

*Translation of the matter originally raised in Oriya.