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The people who work in the factories or in the public sector industries are getting a handsome salary which includes allowances like over time, etc. The agricultural labourers are not available to the farmers even though the Government ensures them wages and as a result, the production targets are not met, the farmer's income declines and his standard of living goes down.

I, therefore, request the Government to set up agro-based industries so that agricultural labourers are not taken away from agriculture and the economic condition of the medium farmer is strengthened. The pollution created by industries is not only harmful to life, but also reduces the fertility of the soil. For example, a cement factory has been set up in Aktara in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh. As a result of this the agricultural work is suffering and besides this, because of pollution the fertility of the soil is also diminishing. Pollution is the main reason for that.

Similarly, the Madhya Bharat Paper Mill in Champa and Brooke Bond Paper Mill in Bilaspur are polluting Hasdo and Arpa rivers, respectively.

Therefore, I would like to request the Government, through you, that prior to setting up these industries both these things should be borne in mind.

(iv) Demand for introducing rapid transport system' between Kanpur and its nearby towns in U.P.

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI (Bilhour) :
MR. Speaker Sir, Kanpur is a big industrial city in northern India. The number of industrial and other workers living there is the largest in comparison with the other north Indian cities. Lakhs of people are migrating to Kanpur in search of jobs not only from neighbouring rural areas, but also from entire eastern and central Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Bundelkhand, Madhya Pradesh, etc., there by increasing the population of the city

manifold. It is sad that no attention is being paid to the means of transport in the area. There are no arrangements of public transport in the areas around Kanpur and as a result the people have to face great hardships.

The National Transport Policy Committee which was constituted by the Planning Commission in May 1980 had recommended that where there was heavy rush of traffic between two cities even if the distance between them was less than 300 kms, the Railways should provide special corridors of traffic and fast moving trains should be introduced. A special mention of Kanpur-Lucknow section was made in paragraph 9 and 8 of the report. At present, the railway facility for the passengers commuting between Kanpur and the neighbouring cities is almost nil. Road transport is not feasible because of high petrol consumption and high rate of pollution.

I hope the Railway Department will soon introduce rapid transport system between Kanpur city and its nearby towns. Meanwhile one or two shuttle trains should be introduced to these towns. These trains will provide comfort to the passengers on the one hand and on the other hand it will also increase the railway revenue.

[English]

- (v) Need to look into the technical competence of the West German firm, MAN before being awarded contract by Lignite Corporation Ltd. for supply of sophisticated equipments.

SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA (Hassan) :
The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., Tamil Nadu, an Undertaking under the Ministry of Energy has been responsible for building up strong power generation base for southern region of the country, and for its second mine expansion projects, arrangements were made to get the assistance of the West German financing agency called KFW.

Under this arrangement, the NLC called for specific tenders. Prior to this, the Corporation has purchased two major equip-