

a scheduled tribe status for Ladakhis has already been completed on 30th September 1986, and a similar census in the other parts of Jammu and Kashmir State is likely to be conducted some time early next year, i.e. 1987. Since the case relating to Ladakh region is specific and separate from the rest of the State, as the original demand for grant of a scheduled tribe status for them had come from Ladakh long back, the issue needed to be isolated, from the issues relating to the other two regions of the State. I, therefore, urge upon Government of India to compile a separate report in respect of the mini-census conducted for the Ladakh region, and early steps initiated for the declaration of the people of Ladakh region as a scheduled tribe, to fulfil their long standing demands.

(iii) **Preventive steps needed to save Lakshadweep from the menace of sea erosion**

SHRI P. M. SAYEED (Lakshadweep) : I wish to draw the attention of government to the devastating effect that sea erosion is steadily having on Lakshadweep.

There is a dire need to draw up both short term and long term comprehensive plans to put a stop to this menace. I suggest that priority be assigned to attend immediately on the dimension of this problem. To begin with the inhabited islands which are ten in number be taken up. The smallest island namely Bitra having a population of 200 inhabitants spread over an area of 27 acres be pulled out of the grave situation.

There should not be a long gap between now and the action plans and their implementation to reclaim what has already been lost.

I appeal to the government to mobilise all the available resources to save Lakshadweep from ruinous damage.

[*Translation*]

(iv) **Demand for TV Relay Centres at Damoh and Panna districts of Madhya Pradesh**

SHRI DAL CHANDER JAIN (Damoh) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, under rule 377 I would like to submit as under :

In Bundel Khand region of Madhya Pradesh Damoh and Panna are backward districts. In Damoh a Doordarshan Prasaran Bhavan has been constructed with public cooperation and a disc has also been brought there. The average population of Harijans and Adiwasis is 40 per cent in that area. I would, therefore, like to draw the attention especially of the Hon. Minister of Information and Broadcasting that this Doordarshan Relay Centre should be started in 1986 itself. Similarly Panna is also a backward district and the population of the Harijans and Adiwasis is 40 per cent of its total population. Therefore a Doordarshan Relay Centre should also be opened there in 1986 itself.

[*English*]

(v) **Need to take immediate steps for the development of Paradeep Port**

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri) : Paradip Port is a major port in the country. Economic progress of Orissa is interlinked with the development of the port. But to achieve the high export possibility of the port, the following problems need immediate attention of the Government of India :

(i) Need to take speedy decision on the revised proposal of M/s Hyundai Corporation of South Korea envisaging deepening of Paradeep Port to accommodate vessels of 1,70,000 WT, and to provide railway aiding and mining facilities to enable augmentation of the exports of iron ore from the Port to the extent of 6 million tonnes annually.

(ii) Removal of wrecks of two sunken dredgers, namely, Dredger Konark and MOT No. III at Port with the