

Choudhry's assurance about reopening of the Divisional Office, the agitation was withdrawn, but due to appointment of mere A. D. M. in place of the Divisional Manager is again causing anger among the people and the issue has become the point of discussion among the people. It is, therefore, requested that immediate action to open Divisional Manager's Office instead of Assistant Divisional Manager's Office may kindly be taken.

- (ii) Need to increase the relaying capacity of T. V. Centre at Faizabad and to set up another T. V. Centre at Akbarpur town of Faizabad district in U. P.

SHRI R. P. SUMAN (Akbarpur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in disseminating the information regarding development to the entire population in the developed and developing countries, television has a significant role to play, and in countries like India which are fast developing, its importance becomes all the more vital. Actually, for making available the information regarding the achievements of the Government the common man in the rural areas, and to inform them about new techniques in agriculture, health and other day-to-day programmes by encouraging them to achieve literacy, television is needed most. In this connection a television centre was opened recently in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh, but its range is merely 15 kms. which does not cover even half of the district. Merely to show that a television centre has been commissioned in such and such district is just completing a formality. Unless the entire population is benefited with that facility, the aim of the Government is not fulfilled. Ayodhya city is also in Faizabad district and it is famous all over the world because it is the city of Lord Rama. In the eastern part of the district is situated Dargah Kichhota Sharief where even foreigners come to beg for fulfilment of their desires. Akbarpur and Tanda, the eastern tehsils of the district are the biggest tehsils and Akbarpur is situated in the middle of the district. A large number of people in Akbarpur and Tanda cities in these two tehsils and in Jalalpur municipality area and Kichhota Sharief and Goshaiganj town area in Sadar Tehsils are installing television sets, but they are not getting the benefit of that. Contigu-

ous to the south of this area is the district of Sultanpur. In such a situation, either the transmission capacity of the television centre at Faizabad should be enhanced or alternatively, another television centre should be opened at Akbarpur so that the entire population of the district gets the benefit. I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India that keeping in view the above situation, a television centre at Akbarpur tehsil headquarters in Faizabad district (U. P.) should be opened at the earliest so that the people living in Akbarpur, Tanda tehsils and surrounding areas like Azamgarh, Basti, Jaunpur, Sultanpur districts could also be benefited by it.

[English]

- (iii) Constitutional amendment needed for making necessary amendments in the list of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU (Adoor) : Sir, there has been a demand for amending the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so as to include certain communities and castes in it. The identification of castes which are extremely backward both socially and economically, for inclusion in the list is a continuous process. The original list was not complete in itself and that is why periodic amendments had to be made in it. It is well known that a large number of castes in different parts of the country are extremely backward and so they deserve to be included in the list of SC and ST. Similarly, a number of deletions are to be made from the list. But in the absence of an amendment this cannot be done.

In view of the urgency of the problem I would request the Government to bring about the required constitutional amendment at the earliest for inclusion of such castes which are suffering from extreme social and economic disabilities and also to delete such castes which do not deserve to be in the list.

13.00 hrs.

- (iv) Installation of a high power TV transmitter at Alwar, Rajasthan

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar) : Sir, Alwar is a satellite town of the National