

[Dr. Krupasindhu Bhoi]

Western Orissa, it has never been achieved so far to the desired level.

The main reason is the absence of proper education for the farmers. The youth of the areas who mostly come from farmers community do not have the facility for higher education in agriculture. The Agriculture University set up at Bhubaneswar is the only Agriculture University in the entire State. All the Western districts are far away from Bhubaneswar. So, the Agriculture University set up at Bhubaneswar is not able to cater to the needs of the people of the entire State.

I therefore, urge upon the Central Government to set up an Agricultural University at Sambalpur during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(vii) Need to enhance allocation of what and Kerosene to Orissa.

SHRI GOPAL NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur): Orissa State has been facing acute shortage of wheat and kerosene. Adequate wheat is not available in fair price shops and the position is critical in the case of kerosene.

Kerosene is mostly needed by the poor people living in rural areas. It serves dual purpose for them. The rural electrification has not made much progress in the State of Orissa. Hence, the people of rural areas use kerosene for getting light in lieu of electricity. With the restrictions imposed on the collection of fire-wood, the people of the villages no longer use fire-wood for fuel purposes. When kerosene and wheat are badly needed by the people of Orissa, it is a matter of concern that Central Government has reduced their allocation to the State. According to an estimate, 25210 kiloliters of kerosene are required per month in Orissa, against which the State is being supplied with only 16648 kiloliters kerosene per month. In the case of wheat, the State is getting only 20000 metric tonnes per month, against the requirement of 35000 metric

tonnes. If the allocation remains the same, the situation will aggravate further, as the poor and weaker sections will continue to suffer.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government that the wheat and kerosene allocation to the State of Orissa be enhanced according to the actual requirement.

14.15 hrs.

**MOTION OF THANKS ON THE
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS CONTD.**

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall take up further discussion on the motion of thanks on the President's Address. As you know, the time allotted was 12 hours and time consumed is 12 hours and 14 minutes. Mr. Jagmeet Singh Brar was on his legs. Now he will speak.

[Translation]

SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR (Faridkot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you. Taking string from where I left that day, I was speaking about the distribution of water-resources in Punjab. I would like to add that Punjab has contributed as much as 70% of food grains in the Central Pool because of availability of water. In his book 'India Commits Suicide' the author Shri Gurdarshan Singh Dhillon referring to the water resources if Punjab has said:

[English]

"And yet we find that out of 15.2 million acre feet of the total waters of Punjab, 8 MAF remained earmarked for non-riparian Rajasthan. Later, actually 8.6 MAF were allocated to it. And The net result is that out of 15.2 MAF, only 3.5 MAF were given to riparian Punjab and the rest were managed to be diverted to a non riparian State."