

learnt that the total accumulation of Rs. 3500 crores of the Family Pension Scheme has become a scandal in the country. The Scheme which commenced in 1971 has deprived lakhs of workers from the Family Pension despite the fact that they have made contributions thereto. Their widows are suffering for want of pension due to mismanagement in administration of the scheme. It is necessary to enquire how such huge accumulation has taken place and how the workers have been deprived of their legitimate pension.

Now I understand that this huge amount will be forming a corpus of the new pension scheme prepared by the Provident Fund Organisation. I want to know what is the guarantee that the workers' contributions will not meet the same fate.

I want that the Government should ensure that all the workers' families who have not received the benefits are provided the pension due to them. Otherwise, the credibility of the Government of India will be at stake and the workers will have no faith in this mockery of social security scheme.

- (vi) **Need to open a branch post office at Kadupissery in Irinjaalakuda**

PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN (Mukundapuram): Sir, I would like to raise the following matter under rule 377.

Kadupissery South is 8 kms far from Irinjaalakuda and one of the biggest harijan colony. The nearest Thumboor Junction is also not connected with a Branch Post Office. The villagers are facing lot of problems without a Branch Post Office. In the year 1982, a Mass petition was submitted to the Postal Authorities by the residents of Kadupissery South.

In the year 1984, the Superintending Officer (Posts), Irinjaalakuda had enquired the matter and found it as a genuine case. With due recommendations the Officer had forwarded the matter to the Communication

Ministry for its final approval. But due to financial constraints, this proposal was extended for another 5 years.

In the year 1989, once again the matter was taken up in the Parliament where upon a full assurance was given by the Government that it has already been sanctioned and by March, 1990, the Branch Post Office at Kadupissery will start functioning. But until 27.1.1991, all the repeated reminders got no response. And at last on 28.1.1991, the Post Master General of Cochin replied to the Petitioner that there is an order from the Higher Post Authorities at Delhi, through telephonic communications, to stop all the proceedings pertaining to the new post offices, due to general elections.

Now the General Election is over. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to issue necessary orders immediately, so as to open the said Post Office at Kadupissery.

- (vii) **Need to provide regular air service between Rajkot and Delhi**

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA (Junagarh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, there is no direct air link from Junagarh, Porbandar, Jam Nagar, Amareli, Rajkot, Surendra Nagar Parliamentary Constituencies of Saurashtra region of Gujarat to Delhi. Previously there was one daily air service from Rajkot but later on it was withdrawn.

If Rajkot-Delhi air service is regularised on daily-basis, all these Parliamentary Constituencies and District headquarters will be benefited, because Rajkot is located in the centre of these places. The people can reach Rajkot with in one or one and a half hour and can reach Delhi by plane. It will help the M.Ps also and they can discharge their Parliamentary duties smoothly.

Apart from this, industry and trade are developing by and by in all these areas. The

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people engaged in trade and industry will also get the benefit of this service. They can reach Delhi as well as other northern parts of India conveniently.

An Air Strips and other facilities are already available at Rajkot airdrome, because Rajkot-Delhi air service was already there. Therefore, it will not entail any new expenditure.

Finally, we the M.Ps from Saurashtra region and the Public of that area urge upon

the Government to start an air service from Rajkot to Delhi on a regular basis.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House now stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 11.00 a.m.

20.21 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, September 17, 1991/ Bhadra 26, 1913 (Saka)*