

[Shri K. Lakkappa]

fitness of the donors are also not undertaken. It is further reported that the private blood banks pay only Rs. 40—to the donors per bottle of blood, while they charge exorbitantly from the users who need the precious blood in emergencies. The middle men engaged in the business also make profits at the expense of the poor blood donors. The authorities entrusted with enforcing the regulations in respect of blood donations should gear themselves up and put an end to all these malpractices. The profiteers engaged in the business should also be rounded up.

(iv) Need for dropping the scheme of Railway Terminal at Byrnihat in Meghalaya

SHRI BAJUBAN R. KHARLUKHI (Shillong) : The Government of India proposed to introduce a terminal point at Byrnihat in the East Khasi Hills District in Maghalaya and plans are being speeded up for its early completion.

Government of India are considering the long term benefits of the scheme from the point of boosting up the economy of the tribal people and to provide adequate infrastructure, for industrial growth and development, nevertheless, the said scheme is viewed with deep and serious apprehension by the tribals of Meghalaya.

Very recently, bandhs and demonstrations were organised at different parts of the State to express opposition to the introduction of a railway terminal point and such opposition was also demonstrated by members of the Khasi Hills District Council in a joint resolution adopted and circulated to different Government Departments and the State Government functionaries.

The general apprehension prevailing among the tribal people of Meghalaya is that the introduction and presence of a railway terminal point at Byrnihat

would pose a very serious threat to their existence, constituting as they are, a minority group in the vast and varied population of India. Infiltration is bound to come in endless stream and would subsequently destroy the population structure. The position as it is obtaining at present is that infiltration is the major issue which is agitating the public mind. There have been now many localities in Meghalaya where the tribal population has been reduced to minority.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to take immediate decision to drop the scheme once for all in the larger interest or protecting the distinct identity of the tribal people.

(v) Need for augmenting the tempo of coal Exploration in Orissa

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack) : Orissa accounts for about 3% of the total coal production in the country. The total coal bearing area in the State in Talcher and If valley coalfields is approximately 3000 sq. kms with only 10% of the total resources of coal established are of the order of 5,800 million tonnes. Recent exploration activities have resulted in the discovery of thick coal seams to the west of the present mining areas in Talcher field. There is positive indication about occurrence of large deposits of coal around Gopalpur in Sundergarh district.

Most of these coal resources can be easily explored with low overburden to coal ratio. It is, therefore, desirable that the present tempo of exploration to prove the resources of coal should not only be maintained, but should be substantially augmented during the remaining years of the Sixth Plan.

As the resources of coal available in Orissa are essentially of thermal grade, development and utilisation of coal resources should be accorded to priority by the Government of India. I demand

that for systematic and expeditious development of the coal resources of Orissa and to ensure co-ordination and efficiency, the two coal producing areas in the State should be brought under the administrative control of separate subsidiary company of Coal India Ltd with headquarters in Orissa.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri B.V. Desai. Absent. Shri Satyanarayan Jatiya.

- (vi) Need to provide immediate medical assistance to people of Ghumanpura Village, Bhind, where children are dying of a mystery disease.

श्री सत्यनारायण जटिया (उज्जैन) :
उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं नियम 377 के अंतर्गत निम्नलिखित महत्वपूर्ण विषय की ओर ध्यान करना चाहता हूँ—

देश में स्वास्थ्य चिकित्सा सेवा सुविधा के विस्तार की आवश्यकता है। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में चिकित्सा सुविधा के अभाव में जनजीवन असुरक्षित है। गांवों में उपचार के अभाव में अकाल मौत की बेबसी है। सरकारी स्वास्थ्य संस्थायें और सेवायें गांव के लोगों को उपलब्ध नहीं हैं तथा विकास खंड मुख्यालयों पर चिकित्सा सुविधाओं का अभाव है। सामान्य औषधियां और जांच सुविधाएं प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों "पी एच सी" पर उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत स्वास्थ्य सेवा रक्षक बिना दवाओं के न तो ग्रामीण की स्वास्थ्य सेवा करने में और न ही स्वास्थ्य रक्षा करने में समर्थ हैं। विगत दिनों मध्य प्रदेश के मुरेना जिले के मसावनी गांव के 23 बच्चों की मौत के हादसे के बाद भिण्ड जिले के गुमानपुरा गांव में रहस्यमय बीमारी के कारण 24 मासूस हरिजन बच्चों की मौत का शिकार होना पड़ा है तथा उनके

बच्चे अभी भी इस बीमारी से ग्रसित हैं। प्रायः प्रतिदिन किसी न किसी बच्चे की मृत्यु के कारण गांव के लोग असहाय और गहन निराशा की स्थिति में हैं। अतएव यह आवश्यक है कि उक्त गांव के लोगों को तत्काल चिकित्सा सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जाए।

मेरा केन्द्र सरकार से अनुरोध है कि गांवों में चिकित्सा की पर्याप्त सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने हेतु चिकित्सा संस्थाओं को सक्षम बनाने तथा गांव तथा चिकित्सा हेतु "मोबाइल स्वास्थ्य सेवाएं" प्रारम्भ की जाएं।

- (vii) Need to implement the Sethusamudram Canal Project.

SHRI N. SELVARAJU (Tiruchirappalli) : The recent expert Committee assessed that the net rate of return may vary between 4.72 and 11.93 per cent under different sets of assumptions and hence it will not be economically viable. I request that the above Sethusamudram Canal Project should be taken up for the following reasons :

- (i) The Canal will provide an unbroken navigable route around the peninsula, with a saving in distance of 300 to 400 nautical miles for steamers going from the East Coast to the West Coast.
- (ii) This will result in a reduction in fuel cost and a lessening of voyage time which can help save Rs. 80,000 per voyage.
- (iii) It will also stimulate industrial development in the hinterland and establish a new facility for the speedy movement of traffic.
- (iv) With the expansion of the Tuticorin complex, Thermal