

[Smt. Saroj Dubey]

up more new industries. Industrialists are not in a position to start more industries in the city, mainly because of the heavy traffic blocked on that old and congested bridge. It is being used by thousands of persons working in the trans Yamuna Naini industrial area. Many times in a day traffic is blocked on that bridge, which causes hours of delay to all tired employees including women employees, workers farmers, students in reaching their homes. Due to this delay many serious patients and women waiting in labour—pain die on the way to the hospitals for want of treatment.

Taking into account, people's problems the then Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone in 1990 to construct a new bridge on Yamuna river but the construction work has not yet been started there.

So, I would like to request the Central government to construct the proposed bridge on Yamuna river immediately for the public welfare and industrial development of the area so that new industries may be set up there across Yamuna in order to provide employment to unemployed youth.

- (vi) **Need to Provide LPG Dealership to Co-Operative Consumers Society, Jalpaiguri**

[English]

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the acute crisis for LPG connections in the Divisional Town, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. There is only one LPG dealer in the town, who is unable to meet the demand of the public, where more than 6000 applications for connections are pending. Taking this into consideration, the Oil Selection Board (V East) conducted an interview on 12.6.1990 at Siliguri, Darjeeling. A panel was also prepared where the Wholesale Co-operative Consumers' Society Limited, Jalpaiguri is in top position. I do request the Government to take necessary steps so that

the said co-operative may get the dealership without any delay.

- (vii) **Need to Reconsider the Proposal to Deliver Letters in Mail Boxes Located on Ground Floors Above in High Rise Buildings in Bombay.**

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE (Bombay—North Central): It is gratifying that the hon. Minister for Communications in the last week of October, 1991 postponed for two months the implementation of the proposed system of delivering letters through the mail boxes located on the ground floors alone of high rise buildings in Bombay. However, it is not sufficient merely to postpone the implementation. The feasibility or otherwise of the proposal should be examined in depth promptly by appointing a Parliamentary Committee and the implementation be stayed in the meantime. The proposal, as it is, is impracticable and will cause hardships to the citizens of Bombay.

- (viii) **Need to Provide Relief to People Affected by Floods in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh**

SHRI K.P. REDDAIAH YADAV (Machilipatnam): A grave situation is prevailing in the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh due to devastating floods that took place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month. Lakhs of acres of standing crops were completely ruined in Tamil Nadu and in the districts of Chittoor, Nellore, Cuddapah, Guntur, Prakasam, Krishna in Andhra Pradesh. Thousands of houses have collapsed, number of livestock have perished and all the communications have been disrupted.

I urge upon the Government of India to declare these areas as areas affected under 'Natural Calamities' and rush aid to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh till the normalcy is restored and undertake rehabilitation works in these areas.