

height of the TV tower at Nagarcoil can also be increased. I request the Central Government to take appropriate steps so as to enable the TV viewers of the entire Karayakumari District to get the opportunity of TV transmission.

- (iii) **Need to send a team of specialists alongwith medicines to Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh to check growing menace of gastroenteritis there.**

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANKU RAM SODI (Bastar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, gastroenteritis spreads suddenly like an epidemic in Bastar district and every year hundreds of Adivasis die an untimely death. Last year more than 2000 people died. This year too, in January 1992, this disease originated from Gangalor village of Bijapur block and by giving rise to vomiting, dysentery malaria and meningitis it has so far claimed 160 lives. It is spreading like any thing. Several villages have come under its grip and every day the number of victims is increasing. There is no control over the disease and people are scared of it and are about to leave the village.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to send a team of specialists alongwith medicines to Bastar and thus check the untimely death of Adivasis.

- (iv) **Need to implement the Resolution adopted by the U. P. Legislative Assembly for creation of a separate 'Uttaranchal' State.**

SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI (Garhwal): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir the resolution adopted by the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for creation of a separate Uttaranchal State by uniting eight hill

districts of Uttar Pradesh has been sent for the approval of Centre a long back but till now no action has been taken by the Central Government to give clearance to this important proposal.

After independence these hill districts did not develop as rapidly as other parts of the country. The people of this region are making a demand for a separate State since long for their economic and industrial development and it is true that development of these regions could take place only after creation of a separate State. The aspirations of the people of this entire region will be fulfilled only when a separate State is created. Many agitations, hunger strikes, dharnas and meetings have been organised. The total area of this proposed State consisting of these hill districts is more than the area of Himachal Pradesh and the population will be almost the same.

Therefore, the Central Government should immediately announce the creation of a separate Uttaranchal State by taking an immediate, meaningful and appropriate decision on this matter of urgent public importance.

I request the Central Government to take an immediate decision in this matter.

[*English*]

- (v) **Need to defer the proposal to discontinue the postal van services to Perundurai and Bhavani Towns, Tamil Nadu.**

SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN (Gobichettiyalayam): Perundurai and Bhavani Towns in my Parliamentary constituency in Tamil Nadu, receive all postal articles from Erode HPO by the departmental van in the morning which helps the department to deliver the articles after sorting out without any delay. Now, it is understood that the Postal Depart-