

Will you take into account all these proposals when you finalise your policy and will you make housing a fundamental right in the Constitution?

Shri M. Arunachalam : I could not completely understand the question.

Will the hon. Member repeat the question?

Shri Saifuddin Choudhury : The National Campaign for Housing Rights an Organisation working in this country, are inter-acting with political parties and mass organisations like the trade unions, kisan organisations, voluntary organisations and youth organisations and they have drafted a Bill for making housing a fundamental right in the Constitution. While drafting your policy, will you interact with them taking into confidence what they have to say and really make it a realistic policy so that housing can be given to those 30.3 million people of which you are talking about and will you take it up urgently?

Shri M. Arunachalam : Yes Sir. The Government is inter-acting with the unions for right to housing and we will incorporate it in the basic principles. If the hon. Member is having any suggestion, he has every right to submit it to us and we will inform him.

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde : I very much doubt the figures quoted in the reply. In Annexure B.II, it is stated that in the years, 1989-90 and 1990-91, 83,000 houses and nearly 77,000 houses are constructed in Andhra Pradesh. After the exit of Shri N. T. Rama Rao Government in Andhra Pradesh, the incumbent Government has not taken up the construction of permanent housing programme to the weaker sections. As a result, it has almost come to a stand-still.

I request through you the hon. Minister to send somebody to the State to verify these figures because

the House should not be given wrong figures. That is what I am bringing to your kind notice.

Mr. Speaker : You are deviating from the question.

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde : I would ask the hon. Minister whether he will send somebody to find out the truth in this regard. The present Rent Control Act has become a disincentive to house owners.

Mr. Speaker : This question is already put.

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde : I am coming to the question. A lot of time has been taken. The National Commission on Urbanisation has given its report long back and the National Housing Bank has already been brought into existence. This is the right time to bring forward the proposed legislation incorporating these issues which you have mentioned in your reply.

Mr. Speaker : Mr. Rao, please put the pointed question.

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde : Will you bring an amendment in this Session itself or at least in the next Session so that the National Housing Bank will be able to help the poor to construct houses?

Mr. Speaker : There are two questions: Will you verify the figures given by you and, will you bring forward a legislation to amend the Rent Control Act?

Shri M. Arunachalam : As far as the figures are concerned, they are given by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Regarding amendment to legislation, it is not possible in this Session. We will consider it in the next Session.

Shri Chandra Jeet Yadav : It is a reality that the housing problem in this country has become a serious

against the Bhachawat Wage Boards recommendations have mainly been cited as grounds by newspaper establishments in cases of non-implementation of recommendations.

(b) the amount earmarked by the Union Government for the welfare of physically handicapped persons during 1990-91; and

(c) the amount actually spent during the above period?

[English]

New Pattern HUDCO Scheme, 1979

*193. **Shri Rajnath Sonkar Sastri**: Will the Minister of Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has failed to meet the housing requirements of the registered applicants under New Pattern HUDCO Scheme, 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure allotment of flats to each one of them within the next two years?

The Minister of Urban Development (Shrimati Sheila Kaul): (a) The DDA has not been able to meet the full requirement of the registered applicants under the New Pattern Scheme, 1979. So far 1,06,669 flats have been allotted against the total number of 1,71,272 applicants registered under the Scheme.

(b) The remaining registrants could not be allotted flats so far due to constraints of land availability and infrastructural services.

(c) Concrete plans have been formulated for clearing the backlog under this scheme by 1994-95.

Scheme to help the Physically Handicapped

*194. **Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde**: Will the Minister of Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of physically handicapped persons category-wise, and the details of the schemes to help the physically handicapped persons in the country;

The Minister of Welfare (Shri Sitaram Kesri): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Rs. 3223 lakhs.

(c) Rs. 3162.32 lakhs.

Statement

According to the Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1981, 12 million people suffered from physical disability of one type or another. Categorywise break up is as follows:

5.43 million—locomotor disability
3.47 million—visual disability
3.02 million—hearing disability
1.75 million—speech disability

The details of the schemes are given below:

(i) *Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitment of aids/appliances*

Aids and appliances costing upto Rs. 3600 are provided to disabled persons free of cost if their income is less than Rs. 1200 p.m. and at 50% of the cost if their income is between Rs. 1200-2500.

Aids and appliances costing upto Rs. 3600 such as crutches, callipers, artificial limbs, wheel-chairs, braille equipments, hearing aids etc. are made available to about one lakh persons every year. There are at present 152 limb fitting centres in the country.

(ii) *Scholarships for the Disabled Persons*

Government of India operates a scheme of scholarships from High School (Class IX) upwards for providing education to handicapped.

(iii) Assistance to Organisations for Disabled Persons

Welfare programmes for the handicapped are largely undertaken in a cost effective and flexible manner through non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). There are about 1500 NGOs in the country working in this sector. Through this scheme, financial assistance to the extent of 90% is given to NGOs for providing education vocational training and rehabilitation facilities to the disabled.

(iv) Petrol/Diesel subsidy to disabled, National Awards and other Miscellaneous Schemes.

Under the petrol/diesel subsidy scheme, handicapped owners of motorised vehicles are given 50% subsidy on actual expenditure on purchase of petrol/diesel.

(v) National Institutes

In order to effectively deal with the multi-dimensional problems of the handicapped population, the following four National Institutes have been set up in each major area of disability :—

- (1) National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta.
- (2) National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.
- (3) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.
- (4) National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay.

These are premier apex level organisations in the respective fields in the area of education, development of manpower, training, vocational guidance, counselling, research, development of suitable service models and low cost rehabilitation aids for the handicapped. Two other organisations, namely :—

- (1) Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi; and
- (2) National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Orissa.

are service centres for the physically handicapped providing facilities for training physiotherapist, occupational therapist, prosthetic technicians etc.

(vi) District Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) Scheme of Rural Rehabilitation

To fulfil the need for comprehensive rehabilitation services for the rural areas where majority of disabled population live, a scheme called the District Rehabilitation Centre was launched in 1983 and since then 12 such centres have been established in different States.

(vii) Employment of Handicapped

To assist the employable handicapped, 23 Special Employment Exchanges, 55 Special Cells in the normal Employment Exchanges and 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) are functioning across the country. Though all of them are under Labour Ministry, funds are provided by the Ministry of Welfare on hundred per cent basis for Special Cells and on fifty per cent basis for the Special Employment Exchanges. The Vocational Rehabilitation Centres are funded solely by Ministry of Labour.

(viii) S&T Project in Mission Mode on Application Technology for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped.

Research projects through selected institutions all over the country are being supported under the Scheme of S&T Project in Mission Mode, to bring the fruits of technology to bear upon the life of the handicapped so as to improve their mobility, productivity, quality of daily living and integration in society.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development (Shri M. Arunachalam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Karol Bagh, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has booked 1203 cases of unauthorised construction upto June, 1991. The number of such cases in other parts of Delhi under its jurisdiction during the period are reported to be 7563.

Delhi Development Authority has stated that whenever authorised construction/encroachment is detected immediate action is taken by it under the law. During 1990-91 it removed 6304 unauthorised construction/encroachments and thus reclaimed 286.16 acres of its land.

The number of such cases detected by New Delhi Municipal Committee in its jurisdiction during 1991 are 129.

(c) Action against unauthorised construction/encroachment is a continuing process. As and when such activity is noticed appropriate action such as sealing, demolition, removal, etc. is taken under the Delhi Development Act, 1957, the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, and the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 (as applicable in the case of New Delhi Municipal Committee) by the concerned authorities.

Growth of Unauthorised Banquet Halls in Delhi

821. Shri M. V. Chandra Shekara Murthy:

Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad: Will the Minister of Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is mushroom growth of unauthorised Banquet halls in Delhi particularly in Preet Vihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development (Shri M. Arunachalam): (a) to (c) There are 4 Banquet halls in Preet Vihar. 25 Banquet Halls reported to be run without any valid licence. The owners of 16 Banquet Halls have already been prosecuted and action against the remaining 9 has since been initiated.

Inclusion of Washermen Community in SC List

822. Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde: Will the Minister of Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of strong demand by the Washermen in some States to include their community in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has recommended for inclusion of the community in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Welfare (Shri Sitaram Kesri): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The recommendations are examined in consultation with the Registrar General of India before a decision is taken.

Any amendment in the existing Scheduled Castes lists can be made only through an Act of Parliament as laid down in Article 341(2) of the Constitution.

Promotion of Tribal Languages

823. Shri Bhagey Gobardhan: Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the State Governments to provide adequate facilities for instruction in the mother-tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic minority groups, as contemplated under Article 350-A of the Constitution of India;

the vacant land near their shop market-wise and the action taken against the erring shopkeepers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development (Shri M. Arumachalam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Clearance of Lift Canal Schemes in Andhra Pradesh

832. Shri Sobhanadreshwara Rao Vadde: Will the Minister of Environment and Forests be pleased to state:

(a) whether any clearance has been accorded by the Government for execution of work relating to Kakkampudi Major and Machavaram Major Canal Schemes under Nagarjun Sagar Left Canals System in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay in clearing these proposals?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Kamal Nath): (a) No such proposal has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Aid for Eye and General Hospital at village Kalambe, Maharashtra

833. Prof. Ram Kapse: Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request for providing financial assistance to Kalyan Social Service League, Maharashtra for erecting and establishing Eye and General Hospital at Village Kalambe, District Thane, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Shri Santosh D. K. Thana Devi Siddhartha): (a) and (b) No proposal

for financial assistance has been received from Kalyan Social Service League, Maharashtra for erection of Eye and General Hospital at Village Kalambe, Distt. Thane, Maharashtra. However, letters from Prof. Ram Kapse were received in this regard and were replied to enclosing a copy of grant-in-aid scheme and requesting him to ask the Institution to submit the application in prescribed form through the concerned State Government. The application from the Institution is still awaited.

Upper Wardha Irrigation Project

834. Prof. Ram Kapse: Will the Minister of Environment and Forests be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 246, dated December 28, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Kamal Nath): (a) and (b) The report from the State Government has been received. However, certain additional information was sought from the State Government on 25th March, 1991 which has not been received so far and the case has been rejected for non-furnishing of information on 25th April, 1991.

World Bank Assistance for Water Supply in Kerala

835. Shri Kodikkunil Suresh: Will the Minister of Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Union Government from Government of Kerala for solving the acute shortage of drinking water supply in urban areas involving world bank loan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Council Act, 1947, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as the members of the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, subject to other provisions of the said Act”.

Mr. Speaker : The question is :

“That in pursuance of Section 3(1) (o) of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as the members of the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, subject to other provisions of the said Act”.

The motion was adopted.

13.19 hrs.

(x) POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

The Minister of Health and Family Welfare (Shri M. L. Fotedar) : I beg to move :

“That in pursuance of Section 5(g) of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh Act, 1966, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as members of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, subject to other provisions of the said Act”.

Mr. Speaker : The question is :

“That in pursuance of Section 5(g) of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh Act, 1966, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, two members from among themselves to serve as members of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical

Education and Research, Chandigarh, subject to other provisions of the said Act”.

The motion was adopted.

[Translation]

Shri Dau Dayal Joshi (Kota) : Sir, I request that the following item may be included in this week's list of business.

Rajasthan is very rich from the archaeological point of view. The Central Government has a number of schemes for the development of these places but the State Government does not have adequate funds to implement these schemes. Development schemes for a number of such complexes are pending with the Central Government for their approval.

It is, therefore, requested that these schemes may please be stated for discussion in this week's list of business.

[English]

Shri Sobhana Dreswara Rao Vadde (Vijayawada) : I request that the following item may be included in this week's agenda :

Six packages of works on the Sree Ram Sagar and Srisailam Right Branch Canal projects were sanctioned assistance from the World Bank. Tenders were called for the works whose estimated cost was Rs. 153 crores. There was huge uproar over pre-qualification of five firms for executing these works and the Governments approval of the tenders which are 40 to 100 per cent in excess of the estimates. It was assured that the tenders will be cancelled. But now it is learnt that the tenders have been approved causing nearly Rs. 90 crores loss to the State. In public interest and to avoid wastage of public funds at this

critical period, these tenders must be cancelled. The Government of India and the World Bank must take immediate steps.

[Translation]

Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat (Ajmer) : Sir, I request that the following items may be included in this week's list of Business :

- (1) Due to the closure of the Krishna Mill in Beawar city in Ajmer district of Rajasthan, thousands of workers have lost their means of livelihood. Therefore, the Krishna Mill should be revived so as to save thousands of workers and their families from starvation.
- (2) A lot of silt has been deposited by rain water in the Pushkar lake situated in Pushkar, the famous place of pilgrimage of Hindus. This silt should be dredged out and the lake cleaned on a war footing so that pilgrims, who throng this place the year round, could get clean water to take holy dip.

Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava (Jaipur) : Sir, I request that the following items may be included in this week's list of business :

- (1) Increasing of Central aid to Rajasthan Government for the year 1991-92.
- (2) Reimbursement of expenditure of Rs. 1.46 crores incurred on sending the Rajasthan Armed Police to Assam.

[English]

Dr. Venkateshwarlu Ummareddy (Tenali) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request that the following item may be included in this week's agenda :

This is a matter of urgent public importance. People have been requesting since long time for the construction of road bridge across Krishna river connecting

Penumudi in Guntur district and Puligadda in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh. In view of the recent strides in brackish water, fish-farming on the east coast, and the increased trade of marine fish and its products, there is an imminent and urgent need for the bridge to facilitate better communication facilities to the entrepreneurs. This bridge will also enable quick transport of huge quantities of aqua-products being produced in this part of east coast. Aqua-products are having high potentiality of foreign exchange earning. This would not only be useful for boosting up the shrimp cultivation on the coastal line but also aid in stepping up the foreign exchange earning to the country. It will also accelerate the socio-economic development of the fisherman community and the weaker sections of the people in the area. This will cut down the road distance between Machilipatnam and Madras by about 100 kms.■

Further this facilitates the formation of coastal road in course of time from TADA to ICHAPURAM which is the longfelt need and desire of the people of coastal area of Andhra Pradesh which runs over 975 kms. Government may take immediate steps in this matter on priority basis.

Shri George Fernandes Muzaffarpur) : Sir, I request that the following item may be included in this week's agenda :

A large number of labourers employed for about nine years in the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in several islands of Lakshadweep have been removed from service. Removal from their jobs has literally pushed them into a state of starvation. The Home Ministry must immediately take up this matter with the Administrator to ensure employment of

the bungalow. I think that the investigating agency cannot escape their responsibility for the lapse. Generally the criminals are kept in handcuffs and shackles. Therefore, it was not proper to keep free such a notorious criminal, who was involved in the assassination of such a great political leader, in a bungalow. Anybody would escape in such a situation. In view of the fact that he had links even in foreign countries, contacts with influential people, it was not very difficult to get him out of the police custody. Therefore, the question is why the CBI and the other agency which were entrusted the work of conducting enquiry were careless. It is also clear that the Chief of the CBI is responsible for the negligence in this matter and therefore he should be removed. I doubt very much if an enquiry can be conducted properly till such people are there.

It was said that Shri Kartikeyan is an efficient and sincere officer. He may be an efficient and sincere officer but in view of the negligence committed in this case, the enquiry can not be conducted properly, unless he is removed from his post. The culprit was kept in a Dak Bungalow. I would like to know from the Minister of Home Affairs whether police force was deployed all around the Bungalow as a precaution any measure to thwart any possible attempt by him to escape; if not, who is responsible therefor and what action has been taken against him. When the Government says that he was arrested and the court granted police remand, it appears that he had divulged some information on the basis of which a large number of incriminating articles were seized. It is but natural when he was arrested the elements with whom he had links must have realised that if the man lives, many more culprits would be apprehended. It is very unfortunate that the CBI officials could not anticipate this. I think that the plot as to how to get him out of the police custody and clear him of the way, must have been prepared the day he surrendered.

His body was said to have been sent for post-mortem, but no reference has so far been made regarding the report of the post-mortem. In the last report, the Minister of Home Affairs had stated that the body was sent for post-mortem. We have yet to know its findings. In these circumstances, I would like to know when a powerful gang, a big power is behind the incident which wanted to erase all evidence what happened to the post-mortem report, who conducted the post-mortem, one or more than one person. Was any precaution taken in this regard? I suspect that we may face the concocted report corroborating the concocted story in this case. All the Members of this Parliament, as well as the whole of the world know that CIA is such an agency as has been involved in assassinations of a number of Prime-Ministers and Presidents. In these circumstances, the Minister of Home Affairs should make it clear as to which foreign hand is involved in it and what precautions will be taken in this regard in future.

[English]

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde (Vijayawada): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the people of this country are to bear the tragic assassination of the former Prime Minister. Close on the heels of it, the people have to bear another surprising incident where a very important accused in this assassination case was able to escape from the police custody.

Though the Special Investigating Team of the C.B.I. has done a commendable work to a great extent in unearthing the plot, the manner in which the plot was implemented and the culprits who have taken part in that most heinous crime, this is a very serious lapse. One cannot really believe—more so understand—how this has happened. The hon. Home Minister himself has stated in his statement that “this Shanmugam was a well known smuggler”. I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister, during his reply, as to what concrete

action has been taken against this well-known smuggler who had been in the smuggling operations since a very long time and got enriched so much with these operations. It appears that he was a very key personality in continuing the links of the LTTE with several people in that part of our country.

It is told that two police constables were suspended. I wonder very much. While a DIG, a SP and a DSP were all there, these petty small police constables only were penalised for their lapses; because they are just constables, these higher-ups could lay their hands on them.

Shri Nirmal Kanti Chatterjee (Dum Dum): It could never be underestimated. They rocked a Ministry—two constables only.

Shri Sobhanadreeswara Rao Vadde: The DIG who was very much present and the SP who was very much present in that bungalow, are they not responsible for these lapses? It is because of this carelessness or laxity that person was able to go out from that Inspection Bungalow, and the next day he was found hanging from the tree. I would like to have a clarification from the hon. Home Minister that after Shanmugham had left the Inspection Bungalow whether attempts were made to find out from his father-in-law's house whether he had been to that place. Mr. Chairman, Sir, when a sniper dog was utilised in this search operation, it went to the father-in-law's house first and from there it went to that mango tree where his body was found hanging. Let the hon. Home Minister clarify on this during his reply.

Sir, it is not the first time that such a very very serious lapse has taken place. I will recollect a very very serious lapse which had taken place on 2nd October 1986. When the present Rashtrapati and the then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi and several other dignitaries went to Rajghat to pay their homage to our Bapuji on that day, a person by name Karamjit Singh tried to assault the Prime Minister

by using a country-made gun. You will remember that in spite of all the very very elaborate security arrangements, there were so many special cadets or black cats and what not, there were so many cadets in these security forces, but none of them tried to find out whether somebody was there in the bush. He had hidden there and he tried to kill the then Prime Minister. When he was interrogated as to why he had done this thing, he said, 'So many of our Sikhs, thousands of our Sikhs, were killed after Madam Gandhi's assassination in Delhi. I wanted to retaliate'. That was the reply given by Karamjit Singh. What I want to bring to your kind notice is, this type of very serious lapses are taking place now and then which are costing very dearly. So, Sir, I would seek a clarification from the hon. Minister on this. Mr. Shanmugham, as my friends have said, surrendered himself to the police. He was not caught by the SIT or the police. He himself surrendered and he expressed the apprehension of danger to his life and to the lives of the members of his family. When that is the situation, how this man was allowed to go out singlehanded? And, Sir, if he really wanted to commit suicide, he would not have surrendered himself to the police. If it was a homicide or somebody killing him, then there must be a very big reason for that because this man was a very pivotal person. Sir, he was given the title of 'Commander' by Shri Pirabhakaran and the LTTE. There were some instances when Shri Pirabhakaran addressed some letters to this man Shanmugham calling him as 'Commander'. When that was the vital role played by this Shanmugam, how careful was SIT or CBI team that was there with him? So, I would like to have a clear clarification from the hon. Home Minister to take this House into confidence and please come out with the facts and let this country not have an agony that already we lost the former Prime Minister and now it appears there are very strong hidden hands who are able to even deal with this investi-

gation, and people have lot of doubts about what will be the outcome of this investigation.

So, I request the hon. Home Minister to come out clearly and clarify all the doubts that have been expressed.

Mr. Chairman : The time of the sitting was extended till 7.00 p.m. and still a number of Members want to speak on this subject. As only 20 members are left, I will have to ask the Home Minister to reply now, unless the hon. Members want to extend the time further.

Shri E. Ahamad (Manjeri) : Sir, all the parties should be given an opportunity to speak on this subject. *(Interruptions)*.

Shri Guman Mal Lodha (Pali) : Sir, the time may be extended. *(Interruptions)*.

[Translation]

Shri Dan Dayal Joshi (Kota) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, no member of the Bhartiya Janata Party has got a chance to speak, hence, I may be allowed to speak.

Mr. Chairman : A member of the Bhartiya Janata Party has already spoken. How do you say that none has got a chance. Shri Ram Naik has spoken and one member of each party has done so.

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri (Saikpur) : This is not the question of one member of each party to speak. This issue is a very important issue, so all those, who want to speak, should be given a chance. If there is no time to-day, you may postpone it for to-morrow.

Mr. Chairman : I cannot say about tomorrow's programme but I am prepared to sit as long as you want to sit.

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri : We may sit late if it is required.

Shri Dan Dayal Joshi : Please postpone it till tomorrow as it is an important discussion. The hon. Minister may reply tomorrow. *(Interruptions)*.

[English]

Mr. Chairman : Shall we extend the time by 15 minutes or half-an-hour ?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri S. B. Chavan) : Sir, I have got an appointment at 7.30 p.m. I cannot force the House because of my appointment, but at the same time, I am expressing my difficulty.

Mr. Chairman : All I can say is that the hon. Home Minister will make his reply sharp at 7.00 p.m. Will that suit you ?

Shri S. B. Chavan : Yes *(Interruptions)*.

Shri Guman Mal Lodha : Sir, till now, he has not placed the post-mortem report on the Table of the House: the inquest report is not available and we do not know whether it is a suicide or homicide.

Mr. Chairman : Leave it to the Home Minister. *(Interruptions)*.

Shri Pius Tirkey (Aizpurduar) : Sir, I am on a point of order. I want to share this information which has come from the Prime Minister's office. I want to read the letter. *(Interruptions)*.

Mr. Chairman : There is no point of order. *(Interruptions)*.

[Translation]

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri : Are you not going to permit us to speak, Sir ?

Mr. Chairman : Within the scheduled time limit. ...*(Interruptions)*.

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri : The time has just been extended by the Chairman who was presiding prior

SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI : This matter concerns Uttar Pradesh. (Interruptions).

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : This is a very important matter.... (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The question is disallowed.

SUPPLY OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER STATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*209. **SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE :** Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station and some other thermal power plants in Andhra Pradesh produced less power due to shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of power generation due to poor supply of coal at Kothagudem and Vijayawada Thermal Power Stations from January to June 1991; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the output from Singareni Collieries to make available the coal as per linkages to the plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir. As reported by Central Electricity Authority, the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board and Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station of National Thermal Power Corporation have suffered loss of generation for want of coal.

(b) As reported by Central Electricity Authority, Vijayawada Thermal Power Station suffered a loss of generation of about 389 million units during the period

January-June, 1991, and Kothagudem Thermal Power Station has reported a loss of about 36 million units during the same period because of short supply of coal.

(c) Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) is presently facing severe production problems due to adverse law and order situation in the area. However, the Govt. has taken steps to provide alternate sources of supply of coal to two of these thermal power stations, namely 1 lakh tonnes of coal per month to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station from South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and 60,000 tonnes per month to Ramagundam Thermal Power Station from Western Coalfields Ltd. for the period ending September, 1991. A committee Under Secretary, Department of Power has been constituted to suggest measures to improve coal supplies to thermal power stations linked to SCCL.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is most unfortunate that the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station which was having a plant load factor of more than 96 per cent and being one of the best run thermal power stations in this country on par with some other thermal power stations in the entire world, had to lose about 389 million units of power because of coal shortage. The Kothagudem Thermal Power Station also is making very good progress in recent times. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government is taking adequate steps to take out coal from the Manuguru coal belt and also by investing more funds on the Singareni Collieries by utilising the latest technology and the latest machinery to have more coal from the Singareni Collieries. Now, the environment of Singareni Collieries is influenced with Naxalite activities. They are hampering the coal production there. So, I would also like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government of India will send the Central Industrial Security Force to Singareni Collieries, though it is a State managed concern, to curb these Naxalite activities and increase the coal production.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Sir, we have 30 new projects sanctioned under the

SCCL, with an investment of Rs. 1,535 crores of the capacity of 17.50 million tonnes. We have another 12 projects on hand which are under the active consideration of the Government. This is as far as the expansion programme is concerned. As far as the second part of the question is concerned, we do have a lot of law and order problems and some time back the Board of Directors decided to induct the CISF in that area and two companies of CISF consisting of 260 men have already gone to that area. We expect that within a few days' time another 1,187 CISF men would reach there. All the arrangements for accommodation have been completed and they are about to move to that area.

SHRI SOBANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Sir, it is really very sad to know that even the coal that had been produced in the coal mine could not be transported to the thermal power stations because of shortage of railway wagons for some time. So, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the Ministry will take suitable steps in coordination with the Railways, so that this type of shortage of wagons do not take place in future and hamper the power production in the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station which has attained very good standard. In the first question, the Minister has not clarified about the Manuguru aspect. I would like him to clarify that also.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Sir, we are trying our best to improve the movement of coal and we are constantly in touch with the Railway Ministry. I have been talking to the Railway Minister and he has been very cooperative. I am lucky to have a Railway Minister who was the Coal Minister earlier. Regarding the Manuguru aspect, I do not have the details now; I will give it to him later.

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Sir, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether he is aware that in addition to Singareni being unable to fulfil its obligations towards Andhra Pradesh Thermal Power Stations, it is also failing to fulfil its obligations with regard to Tamil Nadu Thermal Power Stations.

If so, whether his Ministry would give permission to Tamil Nadu to import coal from Australia.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Actually, the question relates to Andhra. But I am very much aware of the problem being faced by the Tamil Nadu Government also. About the question of importing coal from Australia, as of now, the policy is not to allow any import.

SHRI VENKATESWARLU UNNA-REDDY : In Singareni collieries, coal problem is a very complex problem. There are trade unions at loggerheads and there is a lot of labour problem. Even law and order problem is very severe. As a result of these problems, the supply of coal is very much crippled.

I would like to know from the Hon. Minister as to what exactly is the proportion of coal that has been earmarked for National Thermal plants which are functioning in Andhra Pradesh and how much is being sent to National Thermal plants functioning in the other neighbouring States.

(b) Though Muddanur thermal plant has been sanctioned long back, it has not come up to the level of functioning for want of coal linkage. What exactly is the position? Andhra Pradesh is a deficit State as far as power is concerned. Muddanur plant is not coming up only for want of coal linkage. When is the Muddanur plant going to be commissioned?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Our target was 22.50 million tonnes. The actual production in that area has been only 17.71 million tonnes. The demand in the entire area which is dependent on the Singareni Colliery is about 30 million tonnes.

OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION IN RAJASTHAN

[Translation]

*210. **SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of the oil and gas exploration conducted by the Oil and Natu-

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOGUS APPOINTMENTS IN IZZAT-NAGAR DIVISION

955. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether any information has been received in regard to the bogus appointments in Izzatnagar division of North Eastern Railway during 1990; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 9 such cases have been reported.

(b) Details are being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

EMPLOYMENT TO DEPENDENTS OF VOLUNTARILY RETIRING EMPLOYEES

956. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether dependents of railway employees proceeding on voluntary retirement are provided employment by the Railways on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No preferential treatment is given to the wards of retired or voluntarily retiring railway employees as per Government policy. Dependents/wards of such employees have to compete alongwith others, aspiring for railways service.

REPLACEMENT OF COACHES AND WAGONS

957. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wagons and coaches likely to become outdated by the year 1995;

(b) whether new arrangements have been made to replace these outdated wagons and coaches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Perhaps, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the number of wagons and coaches becoming over-aged.

By the year 1995, 70,000 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers) and 5200 coaches would be overaged.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to manufacture about 1,28,000 wagons, in terms of Four Wheeler Units and 10,500 coaches during 91-92 to 94-95, on both additional and replacement accounts.

[English]

NIZAMABAD-PEDDAPALLI RAILWAY LINE

958. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey was conducted for the construction of Nizamabad-Peddapalli railway line to connect the Grant Trunk rail line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) when this project will be taken up for implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Surveys for Patancheru-Peddapalli new BG line via

Karimnagar, Nizamabad-Ramagundam via Jagtial and Uppal-Jagtial via Karimnagar were carried out in 1980-81 and 1984-85 respectively. The cost of 301 km and 155 km length of new lines at the then prevailing prices worked out to Rs. 95.67 crores and Rs. 57.99 crores with a rate of return of 3.07 per cent and 0.89 per cent respectively. As the surveys have revealed inadequate traffic prospects and as Railways are facing severe resource crunch it is not possible to take up Nizamabad-Peddapalli new BG line for the present.

CHANDIGARH CITY BOOKING OFFICE

959. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether adequate arrangements have not been made for booking of tickets at the Chandigarh City Booking Office causing inconvenience to the commuters; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Despite space constraints, adequate facilities for booking of tickets and reservations have been provided at Chandigarh City Booking Office.

(b) It is planned to shift the City Booking Office to a more spacious venue in a nearby complex under construction.

RESTORATION OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN DELHI AND CHANDIGARH

960. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the flights between Delhi and Chandigarh have been curtailed recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the daily Indian Airlines flight between Delhi and Chandigarh is likely to be restored ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Flights between Delhi and Chandigarh have been curtailed due to runway repairs at Chandigarh airfield. The restoration of flights to Chandigarh would depend on completion of repairs of the runway and on operational and commercial considerations.

PURCHASE OF POWER FEEDERS

961. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the power feeders supplying electricity to Delhi have remained out of order for some time now;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

(c) when and from where these feeders were purchased and whether these are under any warranty/guarantee period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) since when these are lying unserviceable and the steps taken to get them serviced/replaced; and

(e) the comparative power supply position in Delhi during 1989, 1990 and this summer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (d) None of the transmission lines feeding power to Delhi from the Northern Grid remained out of order for long durations. However, planned shut downs or breakdowns limited to small durations are allowed for maintenance/repairs.

Out of the six Gas Turbine Units, Purchased from M/s. Alstom, France and installed in 1986, three have been out of order for different periods during the last one year due to technical reasons. The warranty for all the six Gas Turbine Units has already expired.

EMPLOYMENT TO GAS VICTIMS IN COACH REPAIR FACTORY, BHOPAL

1036. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned in the Railways' Coach Repair Factory at Bhopal and the number out of them filled; and

(b) the number of persons employed from the areas affected by Bhopal gas tragedy and the number of posts likely to be made available to the persons from these areas and the categories and pay scales for these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Out of 958 posts sanctioned, 743 posts have been filled.

(b) (i) number of persons employed from the areas affected by Bhopal Gas Tragedy—203;

(ii) The scheme of exclusive reservation for such persons was valid upto 31-12-1990; and

(iii) Persons employed, as at (i) above were recruited in scales Rs. 950-1500 and Rs. 1400-2300.

RAILWAY LINE FROM INDORE TO AMALNER

1037. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to construct railway line from Indore to Amalner (Maharashtra); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(English)

CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF RAJKOT-VERAVAL LINE

1038. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval metre gauge railway line into broad gauge and its extension upto Kodinal;

(b) whether RITES has already conducted a survey for it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As a result of examination of the Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey Report of Rajkot-Veraval section, certain alternatives were identified. Decision would be taken on the basis of study of these alternatives and availability of resources in the coming years;

(b) and (c) M/s. RITES conducted a feasibility survey for construction of a new line from Veraval to Kodinar in 1989 at the request and cost of Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation. Since the proposed line is to exclusively serve the two plants of Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd. and Cement Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. and after gauge conversion, M/s. Ambuja Cement Plant, it was decided that the work can be taken up only as a deposite work and Chief Minister of Gujarat was advised accordingly in October, 1989.

REINSTATEMENT OF DISMISSED EMPLOYEES

1039. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees retrenched after 1980 consequent on their participation in the strikes;

(b) whether the Government has given assurance in Parliament to take back those employees;

(c) if so, whether orders have been issued to reinstate those employees and from what date;

(d) the number of persons reinstated so far and their date of reinstatement; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) The position as on 30-06-1991 regarding the number of railway servants, who were dismissed or removed from service from 1980-81 and onwards under Rule 14(ii) of the Railway Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules consequent on their participation in Trade Union agitations and their reinstatement following decisions of appellate/ revising authorities or on account of judicial orders is as under :

TABLE

	Loco Running Staff Association	Other Trade Union Agitations	Total
Number of staff removed	611	100	711
Number of staff reinstated (The reinstatement were spread over the period 1981 to 1991)			
(a) on appeal/revision	20	18	38
(b) on Judicial orders	268	1	269
(c) Total	288	19	307
Number yet to be reinstated	323	18	404

Regarding the number yet to be reinstated, the matter is under consideration.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

1040. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the international flights from Thiruvananthapuram airport have been chalked out;

(b) if so, whether any private company has approached the Union Government to start international air service from Thiruvananthapuram;

(c) the number of international flights started from Thiruvananthapuram airport till July, 1991;

(d) whether there is any delay in the functioning of the Thiruvananthapuram airport as international airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) It is for the airlines to decide whether they want to operate flights from any particular airport.

(b) No, Sir. The operation of scheduled international services is governed by bilateral Air Services Agreements between the Governments of the countries concerned.

(c) Air India and Air Srilanka were already operating international flights from Thiruvananthapuram before 1st Jan., 1991. Following a bilateral agreement, Gulf Air has commenced operation of four weekly

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH (Parbhani) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Finance Minister is not speaking the truth. He has said in the budget presented on 24th July that prices of pesticides and insecticides had not been increased for the past 10 years. I think the prices of fertilisers were increased in 1983 and in 1986 also prices of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides were raised. He had given another assurance that old stock prior to 24th July on which Government had given subsidy. . . . (*Interruptions*)

(English)

MR. SPEAKER : Only what Shri Deshmukh says goes on record. . . . (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : That stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides would be sold to farmers at old rates but he has not kept his promise.

I met Shri Jakharji and Hon. Finance Minister twice and they again said that they had given orders that old stock should be sold at old rates. But that orders were for retailers only and wholesaler and main dealers were not given such orders. I would like that Government should issue orders that entire old stock of fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides on which subsidy was given should be sold to farmers at old rates. . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Janata Dal Government wants to save CPM. We want to know. . . .

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. V. S. Rao, please. . . . (*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Khurana, what you are saying is not going on record. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : You have made your point, that is all. Mr. V. S. Rao please. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very alarming situation. . . . (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : You have already been given a chance to speak.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, such a big incident has taken place. . . . (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Why cannot the Minister make a statement on this ? This is a very serious situation. May I know whether the Minister is aware of the incident or not ? . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) : What is the concern of the Government about this ? Why cannot the Minister make a statement ? . . . (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (Shri S.B. Chavan) : This morning only I have given instructions to get all the information from the Government of Bihar and thereafter we will make a statement in the House.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a very grave situation, an alarming situation wherein the farmers are being lathi-charged, firing is resorted to, on the farmers just because they are demanding that the fertilizers which were supplied to the dealers prior to the Budget introduction be sold at the old, controlled rates. But the traders and the Agriculture Department officials in Andhra Pradesh have colluded

*Not recorded.

and are selling the fertilizers at the black-market rates. So, the farmers had to raid the godowns and other places where these fertilizers are hidden and stored. So, a very alarming situation is there. In towns like Nakrekal, Kodada, Nandigama and Mirialagoda and several other places in Andhra Pradesh, the farmers are being assaulted by the Police. I request the Hon. Minister to immediately contact the State Government and take adequate steps to see that, as per the promise of the Government, the fertilizers are made available to the farmers at the old rates because they are supplied at the old rates to the traders.

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum) : The need for developing the Inland Water Way cannot be over-emphasised. In the Eighth Lok Sabha, on the last day of the Session, a Bill was passed by this House for declaring the Cochin-Trivandrum Sector of the Inland Water Way as the National Water way. Unfortunately that was not passed by the Rajya Sabha and it lapsed. In the Ninth Lok Sabha, even after repeated requests from me, that was not presented. Sir, it requires only half-an-hour for passing such a non-controversial legislation. So, I request that : Bill for declaring Cochin-Trivendrum stretch of the West Coast Canal as National Water Way may be introduced in this Session of the Lok Sabha and passed without further delay.

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berpampur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to draw the kind attention of our dynamic Railway Ministers regarding the situation affecting the people of the two neighbouring States of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. Parlakbemandi, Gunupur, Tekkali and Naupada areas are badly affected for want of basic rail transport facility. They have expressed strong resentment against the cancellation of train services on the Naupada-Gunupur narrow gauge section. The Chief Operating Superintendent of South-Eastern Railway, Waltair Division had issued a notification on 3rd August 1990 : "Due to very poor patronage, the Railways have decided to cancel the train services between Naupada-Gunupur".

The regular commuters, whom I personally met in my constituency recently, largely depend on this mode of transport. They have stated that the question of "very poor patronage" does not arise as this is the only train running in that area. In addition, they squarely blame the Railway staff for bringing things to this state. They also allege that the Railway staff have allowed the people to travel by taking less money simultaneously preventing them from buying tickets. Thus, the Railways were deprived of revenue not because of "very poor patronage" but due to corruption by its own staff.

Hence, I would urge upon the Ministry of Railways to ensure that strict action is taken against the alleged malpractices of the Railway staff forthwith, the old steam locomotives are replaced by the more efficient diesel engines, side by side restoring the original train services; also to actively consider the conversion of this narrow-gauge section to broad-gauge with extension for commercial viability to Rayazada or Bissam-Cuttack area expeditiously for providing the basic travel-cum-transport facility to the poor tribals, harijans and the downtrodden citizens of this under-developed and totally neglected region.

[*Translation*]

***SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palakkad) :** Sir, heavy rains have caused severe floods in Palakkad for the first time in history, the Palghat district is under water. Three persons have already died. People have no jobs and are starving. The roads are damaged and many houses have been washed away. The Attappady area, which is predominantly an Adivasi area is totally cut off from the rest of the land. The Adivasis are on the verge of starvation. The Government of Kerala has whatever assistance possible. The Government has released Rs. 10,000/- to the affected families and I thank the Govt. of Kerala for that. But that is no enough. The affected Adivasis and other poor people should be provided with free ration. Therefore, the Centre should immediately rush necessary assistance to Kerala.

**Translation of the submission originally made in Tamil.*