

will of course, help to improve educational standards in the villages. Secondly, it will bridge a social divide and thus help unite the country. Thirdly, it will benefit the students who go out to the villages and benefit the children who learn from them. Fourthly, it will make our society more caring.

I believe that all sections of this House will join me in urging the Government to consider such a scheme. Thank you, Madam.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA (Punjab): Madam, I associate myself with this Special Mention.

Cyclone in Orissa

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY (Orissa): Madam Deputy Chairman, on the 18th August last, to the east south of Paradeep Port of Orissa, there was a low depression in the Bay of Bengal, resulting in a cyclone having a speed of 120 KMs per hour which hit the coastal districts of Orissa such as Cuttack, Puri and Balasore. It brought heavy rains all over Orissa for days together. The fishermen of the coastal belt of these districts were seriously affected by this cyclone as they were not previously cautioned by the Meteorological Department of the Government of India which is situated at Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa. To the best reasons known to the authorities of this Meteorological Department at Bhubaneswar, they under-estimated the speed and gravity of this cyclone and did not warn the fishermen not to go to the deep-sea through Radio broadcasting and TV. As usual, the fishermen went to the deep-sea and were caught by the cyclone there and were driven to far off places causing much hardship to them. There was a havoc in these fishermen's colony. It will not be out of place to mention here that some of the trawlers have been heavily damaged by the cyclone. This happened due to the grave negligence of the Meteorological Department at Bhubaneswar.

Madam, this cyclone brought heavy rains to the State and disrupted normal work of the people. This rain also caused floods in some rivers specially of Puri and Kalahandi districts, and serious damage has been done in Kanas block and Nayagarh subdivision of Puri district by the flood. Due to tide and cyclone, saline water has also caused heavy damage to the agricultural fields. Paddy crop has been washed away, causing heavy loss to the farmers of the coastal belt.

So, I request the Minister of Science and Technology to enquire into the matter and see that such kind of negligence does not occur by the Meteorological Department authority of Bhubaneswar in future.

Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sardar Jagjit Singh Aurora.

SHRI HARVENDRASINGH HANSPAL (Punjab): Madam, we can take it up after lunch.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us complete the Special Mentions. Then, we can take up the discussion on Kashmir, after lunch.

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will there be lunch recess for full one hour?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us complete this. Three-four names are there. They are waiting.

Reg. Persons killed in trains during 1984 Riots

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Madam Deputy Chairman, through you and through this House, I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India to an issue which relates to the 1984 riots.

During the first week of November, 1984, a large number of Sikhs, both civilians and men belonging to the armed forces, in uniform, were killed.