Concern over imposition of Hindi in making Programmes by Doordarshan Production Centre for North-East

SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I am thankful to you for allowing me to raise an important issue concerning the sentiments of the non-Hindi speaking areas. Sir, according to a report, it was stated that the Doordarshan had made it mandatory that the programmes by production centre for the North-East to be made in Hindi and not in the local languages and dialects. The said centre had said or imposed that the programme for the centre should be made only in Hindi as the sole medium of expression for fiction-based television programme for it. The people of North-East have made protest against this and cited various examples how the Hind versions made for Doordarshan by producers from outside the region distorted the actual essence and spirit of the creative work. The actual essence and spirit of any creative work or feelings can only be expressed through their own mother tongue whether it is North-East or Tamil Nadu. The feelings are the same, and only the local languages could alone express the local issues and sentiments in the right perspective. Today, the people of North-East are facing this issue, but tomorrow it can be any other State in the country. In view of the above, I urge upon the Government to withdraw the notification issued in this regard, immediately. Thank you.

SHRI N. JOTHI (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shrimati S. G. indira.

DR. K. MALAISAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shrimati S. G. Indira.

SHRI N. R. GOVINDRAJAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shrimati S. G. Indira. (Followed by 2t) RSS/ SC/2T/3.30

Judgement in Kanishka Bombing Case

SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH (Haryana): Sir, every person in the world was shocked when an Air India plane Kanishka fell in the sea of Ireland in 1985. On the basis of Justice B. N. Kirpal enquiry report, it was announced that this accident happened due to the bombing of the plans by some Sikh organisation, who were out to take revenge on the Indian Army's attack on the Golden Temple. The Canadian Court, which was inquiring into this case for the last 20 years, has acquitted the alleged accused, who were the Sikhs. The Court has found that they are not guilty and they were not involved in any conspiracy. I am happy, and the entire Sikh

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community is satisfied at this judgment, and it has been proved that no Sikh organisation can dare do any such heninous crime. It is unfortunate that hundreds of Sikh youth were wrongly named as terrorists and were eliminated in false encounters. It is high time that the Government of India should review all such cases, where innocent persons are still behind bars and are suffering at the hands of police. Thank you.

Concern over rapid melting of Glaciers due to Global Warming

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल (मध्य प्रदेश): उपसभपति महोदय, धरती का तापमान बढ़ने से हिमालय की हिमनदियां, जिसमें गंगोत्री ग्लेशियर भी प्रमुख है, तेजी से पिघल रही है जिससे आने वाले दिनों में करोडो लोगों को पानी की किल्लत का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। वर्ल्ड वाइड फंड फॉर नेचर द्वारा कराए गए अध्ययन के अनुसार भारत चीन नेपाल पहले बाढ़ का सामना करेंगे और आने वाले दशक में उन्हें सूखे और पानी की भयावह संकट की मार झेलनी पडेगी। ध्रवों के अलावा किसी जगह इतना पानी सिर्फ हिमालय की हिम नदियों में ही है और इससे एशिया की सात बड़ी नदियों में पानी बहता रहता है। विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार जलवायू परिवर्तन के कारण आने वाले बीस वर्षो में पृथ्वी की तापमान दो डिग्री तक बढ़ सकता है । भारत, चीन और नेपाल में जलवायू परिवर्तन का असर दिखाई दे रहा है। यदि जलवायू परिवर्तन को रोकने के लिए तत्काल कदम उठाएं जाएं तो हिमनदियों का पिघलना एक हद तक रोका जा सकता है जो हर वर्ष बढ़ता जा रहा है। लंदन में इस संबंध में दो बैठकें हो रही है जिसमें 20 औद्योगिक देशों के मंत्री भाग ले रहे है जिसमें आशंकित त्रासदी पर विचार होगा। एशिया की प्रमुख नदियां जिसमें गंगा,सिंन्धु ब्रहपुत्र, मेकांग, याग्तजे और येलू रिवर है, में हिमनदियों से पानी आता है । इन नदियों में प्रति वर्ष 10 से 15 मीटर हिमखंड पिघलकर पीछे हट रहा है भारत में गंगोत्री में हिमनदी औसतन 23 मीटर पीछे हटती जा रही है । इस तरह सभी नदियों का अस्तित्व संकट में है। अब जरूरी है कि भारत सरकार पर्यावरण का संतुलन बिगाडने वाली गतिविधियों पर रोक लगाए और चीन व नेपाल के साथ मिलकर हिमनदियों के पिघलने को रोकने हेतू कोई टोस कार्य योजना बनाए वराना इस त्रासदी का खामियाजा भूगतने वाले देशों में भारत प्रमुख है। धन्यवाद ।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the House is adjourned.

The House then adjourned at thirty-four minutespast three of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 21st March, 2005.