

SPECIAL MENTIONS**Demand to give clear guidelines on debt relief to persons affected
due to stoppage of mining activities in Goa**

SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK (Goa): Sir, it is well known that Goa mining issue is lingering in the State of Goa for quite some time. It started with an order passed by Goa Government suspending all mining operations in the State. Thereafter, Environment Ministry passed an order to the same effect by quoting legal provisions.

Subsequently, the Supreme Court has given a judgment which requires quite some time to make it enforceable.

Goa Government has advised nationalized banks to write off the loans obtained by owners of trucks, barges, etc. Goa Government has not been able to get any package from the Central Government. They are promising debt relief from banks but have not obtained any assurances from banks or RBI. They also tried to convince cooperative banks but cooperative banks have their limitations as they have to go by RBI Guidelines.

Number of those directly or indirectly depending upon mining business is around three lakhs. Since there is no circulation of money, business of small traders has minimized. Families of truck and barge owners have no money to pay for the educational needs of their children and, even in some cases, bring home the regular quota of ration has become a problem.

Representatives of mining labourers held demonstrations in Goa but their issues have remained unresolved.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to issue necessary instructions to RBI in the matter.

RBI being an independent institution, Goa Government should also try to impress upon Union Finance Ministry requesting them to consider the case of persons affected on account of stoppage of mining activities in Goa.

**Demand to build an international airport in
Anand district of Gujarat**

श्री लाल सिंह वडोदिया (गुजरात) : महोदय, देश में कुछ ऐसी विभूतियों का जन्म हुआ है, जिनकी ख्याति में उनके समय में कौन कहे, आज भी कोई कमी नहीं आई है। गुजरात राज्य में स्थिति हमारे जनपद आनन्द में भी ऐसी ही एक विभूति का जन्म हुआ था, जिनको पूरा देश आज भी उसी आदर व सम्मान के साथ याद करता है, वे हैं प्रातः स्मरणीय श्री सरदार पटेल। इनका गांव करमसद भी आनन्द जिले में ही स्थित है, जो आनन्द से मात्र ६ किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है। उनका प्रारम्भ का कार्यक्षेत्र भी आनन्द जिला रहा है। गुजरात राज्य में आनन्द एन.आर.आई.

जनपद के नाम से जाना जाता है। आनन्द जिले में एशिया प्रसिद्ध अमूल दुग्ध डेरी, सरदार पटेल विश्वविद्यालय तो हैं ही, साथ ही यह जनपद औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के रूप में भी विकसित है।

हमारे जिले के कई गांव ऐसे हैं, जिनमें हर घर का एक व्यक्ति विदेश में रहता है। उक्त सभी कारणों से आनन्द जिले में एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट की आवश्यकता प्रतीत हो रही है। हमारे जनपद आनन्द के रहने वाले लोगों द्वारा व एन.आर.आई. लोगों द्वारा बराबर इस बात की मांग की जाती रही है कि आनन्द जिले में एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट बनाया जाए। मेरे विचार से भी वहां की जनभावनाओं व आवश्यकताओं को देखते हुए आनन्द जिले में एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट बनाना सर्वथा उचित होगा।

अतः मेरा माननीय नागर विमानन मंत्री जी से विशेष रूप से अनुरोध है कि गुजरात के आनन्द जिले के लोगों की जनभावनाओं का आदर करते हुए व वहां की आवश्यकताओं को महसूस करते हुए, आनन्द जिले में सरदार पटेल के नाम से एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट उच्च वरीयता व प्राथमिकता के आधार पर बनाने की कृपा करें, ताकि वहां की जनता को इसका पूरा-पूरा लाभ मिल सके।

Demand to restore kerosene allocation to Tamil Nadu

SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the Government of Tamil Nadu is in need of 65,140 kilolitres of kerosene per month for distribution to poor and down-trodden people under the Public Distribution System to cardholders. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, year after year, for the last three years, has been constantly and want only reducing this entitlement of kerosene. And now, it stands at 29,056 kilolitres. It is only 45 per cent of the State's requirement of kerosene.

It was stated that the reduction is basically because of the number of LPG domestic connections. But the data collected for arriving at this figure is faulty, to say the least. Secondly, the reason for this reduction of kerosene to Tamil Nadu does not seem to hold water because though there is a widespread trend of increase in LPG connections throughout the country, there is no reduction in allotment of kerosene for some other States.

Presently, we are again pained to see that in the latest allocation made on 1st July this year, the same level of allocation is maintained. We request the Government to reverse the arbitrary and unjust reduction in allotment of kerosene to our State. In this connection, our Chief Minister also has given a memorandum to the Prime Minister last month requesting the Centre to revise and restore the allocation.

Hence, I request the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, to kindly restore the full allocation of kerosene to Tamil Nadu, as demanded by our Chief Minister. Thank you.