MR. CHAIRMAN: So, what is your suggestion?

SHRI V. LAKSHMIKANTHA RAO: Sir, in 2016, the NITI Aayog recommended to the Ministry of Finance, Government of India to support Mission Bhagiratha with a grant of ₹19,205 crores in the period of three years for a very genuine cause of supplying drinking water to rural habitation. However, the Ministry of Finance has not considered the Mission Bhagiratha for support under special assistance to the States. This is in line with the Government of India's programme, that is, the Jal Jeevan Mission 'Nal se Jal'. Sir, drawing water from the reservoirs and supplying pure water to the door steps of the House costs ₹ 45,028 crores. In order to do this, they take loan from different organisations, namely, NABARD, HUDCO and commercial banks up to 80 per cent, and the balance 20 per cent is funded through budgetary support from the State Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to conclude. Make your demand, please.

SHRI V. LAKSHMIKANTHA RAO: Sir, the NITI Aayog had actually suggested to the Government of India to give 90...\*

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not going on record. It gets stopped automatically. That is why, I was reminding you in between.

## Green Diabetology

DR. VIKAS MAHATME (Maharashtra): Sir, it is not a thing of pride that India has the maximum number of diabetic patients. Many of them are on insulin. The problem with insulin is that the syringes and needles, which are used for this purpose, are thrown with the home wastes. Not only that, annually, 16 crore insulin syringes are thrown in the home garbage. Secondly, around 55 crore needles are also thrown in the home garbage due to various other reasons, like the old-age patients who are looked after by para-medicals who go to their homes for giving injections, dressing the wounds, and they throw medical waste in the home garbage. So, these syringes, needles and the lancets which are used for checking up the blood sugar, are all thrown into home garbage. To add to this, the cotton, gauze pieces and other things, which are used to clean the wound, specially post-operatively, are also thrown in the household dustbin. Due to this, diseases can get transmitted to all those who handle it like the family members and to the workers who work in the house and also to rag pickers. They are also not aware about all these things. There are rules for the disposal of

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biomedical waste in the hospitals and nursing homes, but there are no rules for the bio-medical waste which is generated in the houses. Diseases like AIDS and Hepatitis-A, B and C are blood-borne diseases and can get transmitted to workers who pick up those garbage bags. So, I personally feel that some rules and regulations should be made regarding management of biomedical waste generated at homes, as well as there should be local destruction. You can destroy the needles and syringes at home itself using simple gadgets. There should also be awareness campaigns regarding this.

SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA (Assam): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

SHRI MAHESH PODDAR (Jharkhand): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR (Goa): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV (Chhattisgarh): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

## Conversion of NH-76E from Prayagraj to Mughal Sarai via Mirzapur into stic lanes

श्री रेवती रमन सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश): मान्यवर, मैं आपका ध्यान प्रयागराज से मिर्जापुर और वाराणसी की सड़क की तरफ ले जाना चाहता हूँ। उत्तर प्रदेश में इलाहाबाद एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान हैं, जो तीर्थ स्थल भी है। मैं आपका ध्यान प्रयागराज से मिर्जापुर वाली सड़क NH-76E की तरफ आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूँ मान्यवर, NH-2, GT Road सड़क को छः लेन बनाने का निर्माण कार्य चल रहा है। हमारे प्रयागराज में एक सड़क मिर्जापुर जाती है। इस सड़क पर कुंम मेला, अर्द्ध कुंम मेला और माघ मेला लगता है। इस सड़क के बारे में सबसे बड़ी बात यह है कि सावन के महीने में काँवड़ियों के आने से पूरी सड़क जाम हो जाती है।

इसलिए मैं आपके द्वारा भारत सरकार से यह माँग करता हूँ कि मिर्जापुर वाली NH-76E सड़क छः लेन की बना दी जाए और भारत सरकार इन दो NH सड़कों पर, वाराणसी और इलाहाबाद के बीच में एक पुल का निर्माण कर दे। बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

## Tragic death of a renowned entrepreneur

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY (West Bengal): Sir, I am obliged that you have given me a chance. The recent tragic death of a renowned entrepreneur, who had set