

and we are not lacking in our aspiration. We will get there one day. I am very confident and it is progressing step by step. Finally, as regards her second observation, let me conclude my reply with this. She was very happy that Xi Jinping and our Prime Minister's meeting took place in Chennai. So was I. Thank you, Sir.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Demand to increase banking coverage in Odisha

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I stand to raise an important issue relating to the need to increase the banking coverage in Odisha. Seventy per cent of Odisha does not have brick and mortar banking coverage. As on October, 2018, there were 4,597 unbanked Gram Panchayats in Odisha. As on 30th June, 2019, there were 2,536 urban and semi-urban bank branches, while only 2,817 branches for rural areas. Considering this grim situation, I urge upon the Union Government to take strong steps to ensure that brick and mortar banking coverage is enhanced in Odisha to cover 70 per cent of Odisha which is unbanked at the moment. Only then, true financial inclusion can be achieved as proposed by the Reserve Bank of India Committee on Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low Income Households in 2016.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Ram Nath Thakur, not present. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar, not present. Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas.

Demand to improve facilities and infrastructure at the Indo-Bangladesh cross over point at Gede in West Bengal

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, the Indo-Bangladesh crossover point at Gede border in West Bengal is plagued by numerous problems. It begins with the B.S.F. registration. There are long queues of several hundreds of meters, bereft of any shed to save the people from the scorching sun or torrential rain. Neither are there any basic public amenities nor are there sitting arrangements even for the old and infirm. There is insufficient female staff to handle ladies and at times, though rare, even the male B.S.F. personnel unfortunately check women. People are detained for hours together for no reason. Registration is done twice, once unofficially by the B.S.F., who in this case has no locus standi, and then by those in charge at Immigration Check Post. Redundant double checking is only done at this border and nowhere else.

[Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas]

The Customs and Immigration check point at Gede Railway Station besides platform No. 1 has inconveniences with no sitting arrangements which existed till recently, but are missing currently. It lacks drinking water facility except one tap and sanitary provisions except one toilet which invariably remains locked causing great inconvenience. Approximately 3000 persons cross over daily and facilities are proving to be very, very insufficient, but more importantly, at the very outset, it paints a very sorry picture of our nation in the minds of foreign nationals.

The hon. Ministers of Home Affairs and Railways may please act accordingly to ensure convenience and relief and also provide the requisite amenities conforming to a 'venue of international importance', imperatively so for saving the image of our motherland.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The next Special Mention is of Shri Elamaram Kareem, he is not present. Now, the next Special Mention is of Shri Narayan Lal Panchariya.

**Demand to support small entrepreneurs in ease of doing business
model of the Government of India**

श्री नारायण लाल पंचारिया (राजस्थान): उपसभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सदन का ध्यान अभी हाल ही में विश्व बैंक द्वारा जारी ईज-ऑफ-डूइंग-बिज़नेस रैंकिंग रिपोर्ट की ओर आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूँ। इस रिपोर्ट में भारत, जो पहले 77वें पायदान पर था, 14 अंकों की जबरदस्त उछाल के साथ अब 63वें पायदान पर पहुँच गया है। मैं इसके लिए माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी के नेतृत्व को और वित्त मंत्री जी तथा वाणिज्य मंत्री जी के योगदान को विशेष श्रेय दूंगा। जहाँ वर्ष 2014 में भारत बहुत नीचे 142वें पायदान पर था, पिछले पाँच वर्षों में NDA सरकार के कार्यकाल में हमने ईज-ऑफ-डूइंग-बिज़नेस रैंकिंग में 79 अंकों का सुधार किया है। माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी ने जो टॉप 50 देशों में आने का लक्ष्य रखा है बहुत शीघ्र ही हम उसे प्राप्त करने जा रहे हैं, ऐसा मेरा विश्वास है।

व्यवसाय के वातावरण को सुधारने के लिए सरकार ने योजनाबद्ध तरीके से बहुत बड़े-बड़े कदम उठाये हैं। सरकार दिवालिया कानून लायी, GST लागू किया और उसके बाद भी लगातार इनकी प्रक्रियाओं को सरल बनाया जा रहा है। आज सिंगल विंडो प्रणाली द्वारा व्यवसायों को सभी स्वीकृतियाँ कम से कम समय में दी जा रही हैं। इसी दिशा में एक बहुत बड़ा कदम सरकार ने अभी हाल ही में उठाया है, और वह है, आयकर में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक कर निर्धारण की प्रक्रिया की शुरुआत।

मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आंशिक अड़चनों के बावजूद सरकार इस दिशा में अपना कार्य जारी रखेगी। मैं यह अनुरोध करता हूँ कि भविष्य में ऐसे किये जाने वाले कार्यों में छोटे उद्यमियों का और अधिक ध्यान रखा जाए।

**Demand to restore the natural flow of river water as dams and
embankments lead to ecological catastrophes**

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI (West Bengal): Sir, in thirteen States of India this year, the monsoon appeared in the form of floods. Himalayan rivers used to bring fine silt to