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SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MANISH GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we too associate ourselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Need to establish a Sainik School at Darjeeling

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI (West Bengal): Sir, it is a well-known fact that the Gorkha soldiers have been an indispensable part of the Indian Army. Hundreds of our brave Gorkha soldiers have laid down their lives for the country in wars against China, Pakistan apart from their sacrifices in World War I and World War II. We cannot also forget their on-going contribution and sacrifices against terrorism. At present, 70,000 Gorkhas are serving the nation in seven Gorkha regiments and thirty-seven battalions besides other establishments. So, Sir, I urge upon the hon. Defence Minister, keeping in mind the growing requirement of trained military personnel and martial capability of Gorkhas, the establishment of a Sainik School in the Darjeeling hills is highly recommended. I would further urge upon the hon. Minister, through you, to name the Sainik School after Param Vir Chakra Awardee Major Dhan Singh Thapa. Thank you, Sir.

LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्री सभापति: क्या यह दार्जिलिंग का है?

श्रीमती शांता क्षत्री: जी सर, दार्जिलिंग का है।

श्री सभापति: अच्छा है।

Leakage in the gas pipeline in Uppudi village, Katrenikona Mandal, Andhra Pradesh

SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is regarding the gas leakage at Uppudi Village in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. This is not

[Shri Y.S. Chowdary]

the first time. This leakage has been happening and the nearby people of the villages are continuously living with fear of un-known. I am not able to understand as to why the ONGC is not able to create sustainable infrastructure to prevent these kinds of leakages. Time and again, this is happening and only reactive management has been there.

I urge upon the Central Government that while giving contracts, particularly, to private people, all these precautions have to be taken and immediately, they should give proper direction to take care of the nearby villages. I am told that in almost about two kilometers radius, nobody is able to do even the basic cooking because of the fear of the gas igniting.

So, again, I request the Central Government to intervene immediately and take care of these accidents. Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I spoke to the District Collector, East Godavari about the same because there was a news which was a little frightening about the spread of the fire. But, later, he told me that it is now totally under control. But, this is a point to be noted that permanent steps should be taken because this is the second or third time that such things are happening. Now, Shri Partap Singh Bajwa.

Need to ensure airline safety

श्री प्रताप सिंह बाजवा (पंजाब): सर, यह जो आज का सब्जेक्ट है, यह देश के लिए बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। मैं airline safety का जिक्र करना चाहता हूँ। आज हिंदुस्तान में जो airlines हैं, वे 16-17 परसेंट पर ग्री को कर रही हैं। हम अपने airports का infrastructure भी बहुत बढ़िया कर रहे हैं और बहुत सारे नए airports भी आ रहे हैं। सर, मैं आपके ध्यान में यह बात लाना चाहता हूँ, तकरीबन 10 दिन पहले 24 जनवरी को एक Indigo का जहाज No. 6E-5384 was to take off from Tarmac, वह from Mumbai to Hyderabad जा रहा था। वह एकदम snag हो गया, high vibrations हुई, जोर से वहां bang हुआ और जहाज बंद हो गया।

सर, मैं यह बताना चाहता हूँ कि A320 Neo Planes हैं, ये जो Indigo वाले हैं, इनका तकरीबन डेढ़ साल में, 2018 से लेकर इस साल तक, 22 दफा ऐसा snag हुआ है, जो मैं समझता हूँ कि बहुत खतरनाक है। ऐसे ही जो Go Air है, उनके पास भी इसी किस्म के तकरीबन 41 जहाज हैं। Director General of Civil Aviation ने इन दोनों airlines को warn किया था कि आप जल्दी से जल्दी, 31 जनवरी तक ये सारे जहाज बदलिए, लेकिन जहाज बदले नहीं गए हैं। मेरा कहना यह है कि बहुत सारी कीमती जानें हैं, लोग इनमें families के साथ travel