

5.30 P.M.

[Dr. Amar Patnaik]

attention. On the basis of an important recommendation of the Commission of Inquiry, the Odisha Government has taken up a project for "Development of Security Zone around Shree Jagannath Temple at Puri" under the Augmentation of Basic Amenities and Development of Heritage and Architecture (ABADHA) Scheme to ensure the security of the temple and the safety of devotees. To implement the project, the immediate acquisition of private properties within the security zone is required. Private lands are, therefore, being acquired by direct purchase through bilateral negotiations. The land owners involved shall get value not less than the compensation amount under the Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Further, the State Government has declared a special Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Assistance package in this regard for the families affected by the process. However, without exemption of income tax or capital gains tax on proceeds of the sale agreement and R&R Award from such sale, the process cannot be completed within time in spite of the State Government's best efforts. The hon. Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik has recently written to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs in this regard. Therefore, I demand that the Union Government take prompt action by providing the requisite income tax and capital gains tax to expedite land acquisition in the interest of security.

**Demand to extend National Horticulture Mission in all the
districts of Tamil Nadu**

SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) was launched by the Union Government under the Tenth Five Year Plan in the year 2005-2006, with Central contribution to the scheme. In Tamil Nadu, this scheme has been launched in only 22 districts so far. The NHM's key objective is to develop horticulture to the maximum potential available in the States and to augment production of all horticultural products like fruits, vegetables, flowers, coco, cashew, plantation crops, spices and medicinal aromatic plants. In Tamil Nadu, there are seven different agro-climatic zones suited for horticultural crops. The agro ecology of Tamil Nadu is favourable for growing large variety of vegetable crops. An area of 2.62 lakh hectare is under vegetable cultivation. It occupies a prominent share of 26 per cent of total horticulture crops. These account for over 70 per cent of total area as well as the production of vegetables. Hybrid vegetable cultivation is promoted by providing

assistance to cultivation. Farmers in the State are given short-term training and generous subsidies to promote horticulture. The aim is to enhance horticulture production, improve nutritional security and income support to farm households. With a view to make this profitable horticultural crop raising available to all the farmers in the State, Tamil Nadu Government has been asking for expansion of National Horticulture Mission to all the districts in the State. This will also help to achieve the Centre's ambition of doubling farmers' income by 2022. I appeal to the Government to extend the National Horticulture Mission to all the 37 districts without further delay.

Demand to formulate schemes for the prosperity of village

डा. सत्यनारायण जटिया (मध्य प्रदेश): *महोदय, हमारी मान्यता रही है कि भारत गाँवों में बसता है, किन्तु समय के साथ-साथ इसमें बदलाव हो रहा है। गाँवों में निरन्तर कम हो रहे रोजगार के अवसरों से ग्रामीण आबादी का विस्थापन रोजगार की तलाश में शहरों में हो रहा है। जहाँ एक ओर ग्रामीण आबादी ने शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य की बेहतर सुविधा के लिए शहरों की ओर रुख किया है, वहीं शहरों में अस्वास्थ्यकर क्षेत्रों में सुरक्षित आवास की समस्या एक बड़ी चुनौती बन गयी है।

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के रोजगार बढ़ई, कुम्हार, लोहार, चर्मकार, बुनकर इत्यादि कामों से आजीविका कमाना कठिन है। खेतिहर श्रमिकों को भी पर्याप्त काम नहीं है। सरकार की 'मनरेगा' योजना से उनका गुजारा वर्ष-भर नहीं हो रहा है। विद्यमान स्थिति में देश की अर्थव्यवस्था में ग्रामीण भारत की भागीदारी निरन्तर कम हो रही है।

अतएव मेरा केन्द्र सरकार से आग्रह है कि ग्रामीण भारत की संस्कृति, समृद्धि, रक्षण के लिए नये रोजगार सृजन और नागरिक सुविधाओं के विस्तार की योजनाओं को प्रभावी रूप से कार्यान्वित किया जाए।

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धरणी भरणी मातरम्।

वन्दे मातरम्।

श्री उपसभापति: डा. सत्यनारायण जटिया जी, मधुर स्वर में पढ़ने के लिए आपका धन्यवाद।
The next Special Mention is of Shrimati Shanta Chhetri.

*Hindi translation of original speech made in Sanskrit.