

Sir, the demand for the merger of Secunderabad Cantonment Board into Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation raised by then ruling party was totally politically motivated. The open lands and surplus lands in the cantonment area have been designated as green spaces in Hyderabad. The availability of surplus land, such as OGB, B-3, B-4 category lands in the cantonment area, provide unique features. The political motive behind this demand is to grab those open lands. This is the main demand of the locals. ...(*Time-bell rings*)...

श्री उपसभापति : धन्यवाद, आपके बोलने का समय पूरा हो गया है। It is not going on record now.

The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Zero Hour matter raised by the hon. Member, Dr. K. Laxman: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Amar Patnaik (Odisha), and Dr. Santanu Sen (West Bengal).

Demand for investment of around Rs. 500 crores for installing infrastructure for filtering of sewage water in Visakhapatnam city

SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO (Uttar Pradesh): Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I am happy to say that as a resident of Visakhapatnam, there is something to be very proud of. Visakhapatnam is one of the cleanest cities in the country. As per *Swachh Sarvekshans*, it has been ranking fourth continuously for the last three years.

First of all, I would like to thank the hon. Prime Minister and the Central Government for giving huge funds under various Central schemes, like, *Swachh Bharat*, AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission, G-20 City, and in many other ways. I think, when the city was ravaged by Hud Hud Cyclone, it was the Central Government and the hon. Prime Minister, Modi ji, who stood by the city. So, there is so much to be proud of about Visakhapatnam. But there is also a concern, a rising concern, about the high level of ocean pollution which is possibly not evident to the public but it has a huge negative, adverse implications for the future. Sir, here, I would like to give some statistics. As per the Parliament reply given to me in Rajya Sabha, Visakapatnam coastline has receded 3.5 kilometers, which is 22 per cent of the total coastal length, in the last 30 years. And, also, there is a reduced availability of marine life for the fishermen who go for their livelihoods. This is all happening because of the development of a dead zone in the city which results in death of ocean life. Sir, this pollution is caused by more than 20 drainage canals which directly flow into the city

without being treated. This untreated sewage water is not only making some parts of the beach and some parts of the coastline ugly, it is also impinging on the health of fishermen who live on the coastline. It is killing the marine life. Therefore, I call upon the Central Government to assist the city of Visakhapatnam by formulating a project and also help the State Government by providing some kind of a long-term financial assistance with an investment of close to Rs.500/- crores to make this city survive in the longer run, to help the coastal line to remain alive and also help fishermen in their livelihoods. The Blue Economy of Visakhapatnam is dependent on this factor. I call upon the Central Government to assist and I call upon the State Government to get into action,... (*Time-bell rings*) not to really sleep over it and understand the dangers involved in it.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao: Dr. Amar Patnaik (Odisha), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu) and Dr. Santanu Sen (West Bengal).

Issue of poverty alleviation and generation of employment opportunities

श्री विजय पाल सिंह तोमर (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति महोदय, हमारे यशस्वी प्रधान मंत्री आदरणीय नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में केंद्र सरकार के गठन के पश्चात पिछले दस वर्षों में 25 करोड़ लोग गरीबी रेखा से ऊपर आए हैं। इसका कारण यह है कि जब रोजगार सृजन होता है, तो गरीबी उन्मूलन तीव्रता से बढ़ता है। इस उपलब्धि में देश में बड़ा योगदान, बड़ी संख्या में रोजगार सृजन का है। केंद्र सरकार ने इसके लिए मुद्रा योजना, स्वनिधि योजना, देश में औद्योगिक माहौल बेहतर करना, कृषि क्षेत्र में सुधार जैसे महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाए हैं। महोदय, प्रधान मंत्री जी स्वयं रोजगार सृजन के कार्यक्रम में रुचि लेते हुए प्रतिमाह 70,000 से लेकर 1,00,000 नियुक्ति पत्र युवक-युवतियों को देते हैं। रोजगार देने के कार्यक्रम में, विशेषकर उत्तर प्रदेश में रोजगार कार्यालयों का बड़ा योगदान है। गत माह मैंने भी ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में दो रोजगार मेले आयोजित किए, जिनमें से एक मेले में 14 कंपनीज़ और दूसरे मेले में 18 कंपनीज़ आईं और वे सारी अच्छी कंपनीज़ आईं जैसे एयरटेल, आईसीआईसीआई बैंक, श्रीराम पिस्टन्स, जिनमें 700 से अधिक युवक-युवतियों को नियुक्ति पत्र दिए गए। मेरा विचार है कि देश के विश्वविद्यालय, डिग्री कॉलेज और प्रत्येक जिले में राष्ट्रीय एकीकृत बैंक द्वारा स्थापित ग्रामीण स्वरोजगार प्रशिक्षण संस्थान का इसमें महत्वपूर्ण रोल हो सकता है। देश में नवयुवकों और युवतियों के लिए रोजगार मेले से देश के गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम में भी तीव्रता आएगी। महोदय, देश के विश्वविद्यालय, डिग्री कॉलेज और ग्रामीण रोजगार प्रशिक्षण संस्थान में अनिवार्य रूप से प्लेसमेंट सेल की स्थापना की जानी चाहिए। मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से यह चाहूंगा कि ये सब संस्थान चाहे विश्वविद्यालय हों, डिग्री