

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Dr. Fauzia Khan: Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Jawhar Sircar (West Bengal), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Shri Samirul Islam (West Bengal), Shri Ramji (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Maharashtra), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan (Assam), Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad (Jharkhand), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shri Sanjay Yadav (Bihar), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala) and Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala).

**Demand to establish heavy industries and provide employment opportunities in
Bagalkote district, Karnataka**

श्री नारायणसा के. भांडगे (कर्नाटक): आदरणीय उपसभापति जी, आपने मुझे बोलने के लिए अवसर प्रदान किया, इसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ। महोदय, मैं हिन्दी समझ सकता हूँ, लेकिन हिन्दी में अच्छी तरह से बात नहीं कर सकता हूँ, इसलिए मैं कन्नड़ में बात करना चाहूंगा। * "Hon. Deputy Chairman Sir, I want to draw the attention of this House towards the countless problems faced by the people of Bagalkote city and its nearby rural areas due to the construction of Lal Bahadur Shastri dam in the basin of Krishna river. Sir, due to the Upper Krishna Project, the farmers of 160 villages have lost more than 4 lakh acres of the fertile land and hence, they have become landless. The families of about 2500 farmers from the district have lost their shelters, employment and vocations. In the Bhagalkote city, 22,000 houses, several other buildings and shops have been submerged, and more than a lakh people have become unemployed.

Sir, Bhagalkote District has rich minerals and resources like limestone, dolomite and pink Granite. The district has excellent connectivity due to the broad gauge double track railway lines and national highways constructed by the BJP Government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. We must utilize these facilities and create employment opportunities for the families of the displaced people and encourage them to earn a decent livelihood. There is a necessity of developing industrial corridors in the district and there should be rebates also in taxation for them. The Government should declare a special scheme for Bhagalkote district, thereby reducing the income tax and commercial

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taxes. Reservation must be given to the displaced people and the farmers of Bagalkote in the employment opportunities created by the Central Government. There should be comprehensive development of Bhagalkote City under Smart City Mission and there should be establishment of more industries in the district. Through this House, I want to request the Union Finance Minister, the Industry Minister and the Commerce Minister to kindly do the needful. Thank You. Namaskar."

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Narayanas K. Bhandage: Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha (Bihar) and Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha).

(MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*)

Demand for upgradation of Poultry Disease Diagnosis and Surveillance Laboratory (PDDSL) in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, under Central Financial Assistance Scheme

SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR (Tamil Nadu): Respected Chairman, Sir, I wish to bring to your kind attention the urgent need to upgrade the Poultry Disease Diagnosis and Surveillance Laboratory at the Veterinary College and Research Institute campus in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, to a global standard reference laboratory. This laboratory functions under the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in my constituency of Namakkal, Tamil Nadu.

Sir, India's poultry industry is a significant contributor to our agricultural economy in which Tamil Nadu is a major hub where Namakkal is the country's largest poultry producing region accounting for 90 per cent of India's eggs export. The PDDSL plays a crucial role in addressing poultry diseases/challenges by providing diagnosis, technical advice and export certification. However, with the increase in the demand for the poultry products, there is a risk of emerging and re-emerging diseases which could result in significant economic losses. To meet the international/State standard to prevent such losses, I propose to upgrade the PDDSL with high-tech facilities, including a separate laboratory building with BSL facilities, biosafety, cabinets and advanced equipment like real-time PCR. Hence I request the hon. Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry and Dairy to consider this proposal under the Central Financial Assistance Scheme and