

- (ix) **Need for construction of a foot bridge along the railway bridge over the river Dhansiri, Assam.**

SHRI PROBINDEKA (Mangaldoi): The NF Railway users living on the eastern side of Dhansiri river on Rangiya-Rangapara branch line are experiencing great difficulties, because there is no foot-bridge alongside the Railway bridge there. In the absence of a foot-bridge there, many people are run over by trains or some other people fall down in the river as there is no railing alongside the existing Railway bridge. If this foot-bridge is built, it will cater to the needs of the population of that area; because they will have to travel only one kilometre to reach the Rota Station. Since there is no foot-bridge alongside the rail bridge people have to travel 10 Kms. to reach Rota Railway Station. I request the Central Government to take up necessary scheme for constructing the foot-bridge alongside the railway bridge over the river Dhansiri.

- (x) **Need to clear the proposals of Rajasthan Government for development of tourism.**

[Translation]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur): Mr. Chairman, Sir, there are many possibilities of development of tourism in Rajasthan. During the last 16 years there has been 4 fold increase in the influx the foreign tourists to the State. This phenomenon is continuing and it is expected that by the end of 1992 atleast 40 per cent of the total foreign tourists visiting India will be visiting Rajasthan. Therefore, to gear up the State of Rajasthan to meet this challenge, there is a need to augment the capacity by 10,000 beds during the next two years and to also develop other places from the tourism point of view in the State.

In the absence of liberal financial assistance from the Central Government it will be difficult to develop the tourism in the state as per the plans. The State Government has submitted to the Centre Plans for strength-

ening of the existing five circuits and development of 3 new tourism circuits. In the plans submitted, assistance is sought for construction of midway cafeteria, resting and transportation facilities and tourism places etc. Proposals to the tune of Rs. 760.68 lakhs for the development of all the eight circuits (3 new and five existing) are under consideration.

The Central Government is requested to immediately clear the above mentioned proposals which are under consideration.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned for lunch break is reassemble at 2.10 p.m.

13.10 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till ten minutes past Fourteen of the clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunhc at Seventeen minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

(SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA in the Chair)

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[English]

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (Purulia): Madam Chairman, I resume my discussion today for the problems of lac cultivators. There are three million lac cultivators in this