

practically impossible for passengers travelling by road to reach their destinations in time.

I, therefore, earnestly request the hon. Minister of Railways to take urgent steps to remove these bottlenecks by constructing sufficient number of overbridges from Calicut to Manjeswaram without any delay.

(iv) Need to provide more railway facilities to Siliguri and New Jalpaiguri

[English]

PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri) : I like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that North Bengal has been neglected in the field of Railway communication since long. The people of the area have been demanding the following since long but practically getting no result, leading to a serious agitation in the area:-

1. Gauge conversion of Siliguri Junction to Alipurduar Junction and Siliguri to New Jalpaiguri. Siliguri being an important place of this region, it should be connected with broad gauge without delay
2. Running of Guwahati Rajdhani Express daily
3. Introduction of a Shatabdi Express from Calcutta to New Jalpaiguri.
4. Introduction of a superfast train from Coochbehar to Calcutta
5. Bifurcation of the Teesta-Tersha Express and running it separately one from Haldibari and another from New Jalpaiguri.
6. Introduction of express trains from New Jalpaiguri to all the important places of the country.
7. Provision of more train services between New Jalpaiguri and Calcutta and construction of double line from New Jalpaiguri to Guwahati.

I do urge upon the Government to take necessary steps so that the above said legitimate and long standing demands may be fulfilled at an early date.

(v) Need to provide job to a Member of each family whose land was acquired by IFFCO in Bareilly, U.P.

[Translation]

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH (Aonla) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, at the time of acquiring land for the IFFCO factory at Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh, it was assured that besides the compensation of land, one person from each of the affected family would be provided job according to his qualifications. This factory has been working here since long but so far no job has been provided to any member of the affected families whereas

thousands of appointments have been made in this factory. The farmers whose land was acquired, are facing great difficulties for earning their livelihood and their families are on the verge of starvation. Some persons of the affected families have been appointed on daily wages after repeated requests. They remain jobless for months together. Factory Administration has not regularised their services so far. They have launched several agitations in this regard. This area falls in my constituency. Therefore, through you I urge upon the Government that at least one member of the affected families, whose land have been acquired, should be provided employment and the daily wage workers should also be regularised at the earliest so that injustice committed against these poor farmers may be compensated.

(vi) Need to Convert the existing Low Power T.V. Transmitter into High Power Transmitter at Nagarkurnool in Andhra Pradesh

[English]

DR. M. JAGANNATH (Nagarkurnool) : In the Nagarkurnool Taluka of Mahbubnagar District, Andhra Pradesh, a Low Power Transmitter has been functioning. As a result of which, reception of television programmes is not clear throughout Nagarkurnool Taluka. Moreover, parts of Nagarkurnool Lok Sabha constituency is a naxalite-infested area. If proper transmission arrangements are made, the people can be enlightened about the developmental programmes of the Government through audiovisual media. But, now the reception of television programmes remains blurred in the rural areas and people are unable to view the programmes transmitted by the Doordarshan. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to convert the existing Low Power TV Transmitter at Nagarkurnool into a High Power Transmitter at an LPT may be installed at Kolapur, Achampet and Amangal of Kalwakurthy Assembly segments of Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency. Action may also be taken for early completion of the LPT projects at Jadcherla and Achampet Assembly segments of Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh. The height of the most of the proposed HPT and LPT should be increased so that the people in the rural are are also able to watch the Doordarshan programmes clearly.

15.00 hrs.

(vii) Need to Protect the Western Ghat Area proposed to be Leased out for exploration of Minerals

[English]

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA (Shimoga) : Sir, there are about 60 lakh hectares area in the Western Ghat area comprising Sagar, Saroba and Shimoga Taluks in