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Title : Regarding dharna by road transport workers for formation of an integrated National Transport Policy.

DR. SUJAN CHAKRABORTY (JADAVPUR): Sir, thousands of transport workers from different parts of the country have assembled in Delhi. The transport workers are representing all modes of transport like bus, truck, etc. They are demonstrating here for a very important cause.

Sir, you know that the road conditions in different parts of the country are very bad. In spite of the imposition of cess, the condition of roads is very bad. Thereby, the cost of transport is also increasing and no proper planning is being done. You also know that the public sector transport which was the backbone of our road transport is now on the verge of ruin in almost all parts of the country. Road transport is important for the people and that is not being maintained properly. The conditions of thousands of workers in the transport sector are very bad. They do not have facilities like provident fund and other social security schemes. So, they are demanding and I also demand that the Government should look into the issues of those workers and frame a very comprehensive National Transport Policy in the interest of the country. I would request you, Sir, to kindly instruct the concerned Ministry in this regard.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I would like to associate with what he has said....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER. Shri Sunil Khan, Km. Susmita Bauri and Shri Santasri Chatterjee are allowed to associate with Dr. Chakraborty.