

[Shri Viridhi Chander Jain]

the assistance provided by the Central Government to the Rajasthan Government for facing the severe drought is not adequate. Most of the assistance has been provided under advance plan which will affect plan outlay adversely later on. The areas which are in the grip of severe drought will be benefited by it but those areas where there is no famine or where the severity of famine is less, will be deprived of the benefit of the plan.

The Central Government have provided assistance in the form of labour component for employment only. They have not provided any assistance in the form of material component. As a result thereof work on the construction of permanent assets cannot be taken up in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur districts where contribution from the people in the form of material cannot be collected due to the severe drought conditions prevailing in those districts. The Rajasthan Government have decided to provide 30 per cent assistance in the form of material component. In the desert areas of Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur districts, as much as 60 per cent material is needed for the work relating to construction of these useful permanent assets. Now they will not be able to start work on those permanent assets because the rural people cannot make 30 per cent contribution in the form of material.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to provide 50 per cent contribution in the form of material to the Rajasthan Government as is given under the National Rural Employment Programme so that famine relief works could become permanent assets.

[English]

(v) Need to improve the overall condition of Suburban trains running between Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH (Nellore) : The suburban train service in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad is hopelessly poor. Suburban train is the only mode of transportation between these two cities.

Hundreds of commuters travel daily by the local train, it is the main mode of transportation to reach Osmania University, Agricultural University, Gandhi Hospital, etc., These commuters consist mainly of students and teachers, employees and industrial workers. A good number of persons from old city visiting Osmania General Hospital and Gandhi Hospital also travel by this train.

These commuters face innumerable problems as the local trains do not run regularly. These trains are abruptly cancelled without any rhyme or reason. The trains are usually stopped on the bridges resulting in many accidents. The signals are not given in time as a result of which trains stop in between the two stations for hours together. As a result, not even a single local train reaches its destination in time. It is affecting the punctuality of office goers and students. As there is no other transportation, the commuters are at the mercy of the staff who run these trains.

These local trains are being hauled by steam engines which often go out of order. This results in inordinate delay and usually leads to cancellation of trains for several days.

Bogies are hopeless without any fans, bulbs leave alone the toilet facilities even in the ladies compartments.

Keeping in view these hopeless conditions, I request the Minister of Railways to take steps immediately, treating it most urgent and see that the Suburban trains are run properly.

(vi) Need to appoint a high power committee to look into the regional disparities in the Government appointments and budgetary allocations in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY (Hanamkonda) : The State of Andhra Pradesh, has seen two agitations in 1969 and 1971. The agitations after some time died out and from their ashes arose the "Six Point formula" by a "Presidential