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establishment of some spong-iron plants in the State, there is adequate demand for scrap metals. This justifies six new Ship Breaking Yards at Paradeep and Gopalpur. Accordingly the Government of Orissa have requested the Union Minister for Steel and Mines to consider establishment of six Ship Breaking Yards—three at Paradeep and three at Gopalpur. The proposal is pending with the Central Government since long and till today Government of India has not approved the proposal.

There is a great justification for the establishment of Ship Breaking Yards in Orissa. Paradeep and Gopalpur are ideally located for the establishment of such Ship Breaking Yards. As such I request the Union Government to expedite the clearance of the proposal and setting up of Ship Breaking Yards at Paradeep and Gopalpur without any further delay.

[Translation]

(vi) Demand for reinstating the dismissed DTC employees

SHRI HARISH RAWAT (Almora): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise the following matter under Rule 377. Thousands of employees of Delhi Transport Corporation have been rendered jobless due to imprudent decision of some employees unions and impractical and Callous attitude of the Administration. There are hundreds of employees among them who were dismissed for no fault on their part. Today the families of these employees are on the verge of starvation.

I would like to request the hon. Minister of Transport to reinstate the dismissed employees immediately.

(vii) Demand for certain railway facilities in the Vidarbha region

dara): Mr. Chairman, Sir, under Rule 377, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the following matter of public importance.

There is a long outstanding demand to attach on A.C. sleeper coach to 29 DN/30 UP Bombay-Howrah Express, which runs via Nagpur. I have raised this matter in Lok Sabha several times and requested the hon. Minister of Railways but nothing has been done so far. Action should be taken immediately to provide A.C. sleeper coach in this train. A local train runs between Gondiya and Nagpur. This train is habited by a steam engine which has become outdated. It takes nearly 6 hours to cover the distance of 130 kms. from Gondiya to Nagpur. People going to the places of their work have to face lot of difficulties due to this arrangement. Steam engine should be replaced by a diesel engine. A second class three tier bogies should also be attached to Maharashtra Express.

Regarding the restriction imposed on travelling in Geetanjali Express, I have requested the hon. Minister of Railways many a times and in the House also that the restriction on travelling in Geetanjali Express train from Gondiya to Nagpur should be removed. Orders should be issued to remove this restriction till the arrangements are made to run the Maharashtra Express from Gondiya.

Quota should be fixed for Gondiya, Tiora, Tumsar, Bhandara and Kamthi in second class three tier sleeper coach in 6 UP Vidarbha Express which runs between Nagpur and Bombay. This train is meant specially for Vidarbha region but there is a disappointment in the absence of the provision for quota for the important stations in Vidarbha.

I would request the hon. Minister of Railway to give sympathetic consideration to my demands and to take necessary steps to remedy the situation.

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