

[Shri S.S. Bhoje]

Painth Eaglepuri etc. tehsils of Nasik district fall under my constituency. Western part of Nasik district is a hilly area comprising Adivasi villages. It experiences good rain fall during the rainy season, but there is paucity of drinking water during the summer days.

There are a few wells, small ponds, etc. which meet the requirement of water to some extent. The State Government supply water through tankers, bullock carts, etc. every year on which crores of rupees are spent but the problem remains as it is. Because these are only temporary measures.

In order to solve this problem, it is necessary to make a special survey of this area. The water level is far below in this area. It will be appropriate to supply water to these villages through public taps by making survey of those areas where sources of water like the big ponds of the rivers such as the Par River, Nar River, Daman River, Bagh River, Bajari River, etc., are available.

But it involves heavy expenditure. The State Government may not, therefore, be able to undertake this work. Development of this backward Adivasi area is possible only through this scheme and not otherwise.

Lastly, it is my request to the Government to extend all kinds of assistance to the State Government to save lakhs of rupees being spent every year, to ensure development of this area and to raise the standard of Adivasis. You may please send your special survey expert team to undertake inspection and survey of the area, provide funds and work on war footing to implement such schemes.

[English]

(III) **Demand to provide more trains to and from Orissa.**

SHRIBRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri): I wish to bring to the notice of Railway Minister difficulties in regard to certain trains touching Orissa. Puri Express running from Howrah to Puri is the life line between Calcutta and Puri. The first class coaches are in

extremely poor condition and need immediate attention for improvement and in appropriate cases replacement. Some bogies used in the said train are so out of date that these should be declared as unfit. 2 Tier A/C coach is urgently needed to be attached to Puri Express. In between Calcutta and Bhubaneswar, the day time railway communication is inadequate. A Superfast day time train in between Howrah and Bhubaneswar is essentially needed. The Samalshwari Express from Howrah should have 2 Tier A/C coaches. Shri Jagannath Express running in between Howrah and Puri normally runs late by more than 2 hours. It should be checked. Nilachal and Puri Express running from New Delhi to Puri and back should have A/C Chair Car so that middle class passengers can afford to travel. The cancelled trains such as Puri-Assansol, Janata Express and Bhagha Jatin Passenger trains should be restored. Howrah-Madras Janata train is now running 3 days in a week but earlier it was running on all the days of the week. Steps be taken to restore the original position. The Orissa quota in Coromandal Express running from Howrah to Madras should have more number of seats reserved for the passengers of Bhubaneswar. Similarly the train running in between Guwahati to Kanyakumari (901 and 902) which passes through Bhubaneswar has no quota of seats for Orissa. There should be a coach separately reserved for the passengers of Orissa. The Railway Ministry should look into the problems.

[Translation]

(IV) **Need to help Beedi Workers in Madhya Pradesh by enhancing grants for construction of houses and purchase of land.**

SHRI K. N. PRADHAN (Bhopal): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Central Government has taken a number of steps for the welfare of the Beedi Workers. A number of measures have been adopted and laws made to protect their interests and to prevent their exploitation by capitalists because they prepare beedis in their houses and are mostly unorganised. In spite of all that it has