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tial independent democracy with much of advancement in field of science and technology we cannot afford to ignore the struggle of fellow beings who are fighting for their basic human needs who are not only lacking in calorie contents but also other basic needs. Our entire planned approach should be aimed at ameliorating their condition so as to bring them above the poverty line within a period of ten years, when we will observe the 50th anniversary of our Independence.

(iv) Need to amend the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes order

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU (Adoor): There have been persistent demands for amending the Scheduled Castes and Tribes order. This is overdue. The present list has created many anomalies. While many ineligible communities have found a place in the list, many deserving communities are still left out. Since reservation and other facilities are the main instrument of their uplift, the communities which are left out live in poverty, due to lack employment opportunities etc. This situation calls for an urgent review of the list.

I, therefore, request the Government to bring suitable amendment to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes order during this Session itself.

(v) Need to replace Godawari Express with two trains— one from Waltair to Hyderabad and the other from Kakinada to Hyderabad

SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA (Kakinada): Godawari Express starts from Waltair to Hyderabad at 4.00 P.M. with 36 bogies and two engines. The timing of this train is not suitable to the people of this area which is developing very fast into an industrial area. It is, therefore, requested that instead of one train with 36 bogies and two engines, two trains with one engine

and 18 bogies each may be introduced— one from Waltair to Hyderabad and the other from Kakinada to Hyderabad.

I request the Railway Minister to consider the suggestion favourably. This will solve many of the problems of the people of this area.

(vi) Need to establish STD facility at Vakathanam Telephone Exchange in Kerala

SHRI SURESH KURUP (Kottayam): Vakathanam Telephone Exchange was established more than twenty years back, linking it with Kottayam Exchange. There has been practically no improvement in this Exchange during this period. Despite assurances for its expansion in the last four years nothing has been done. In this connection it may be mentioned that there are hundreds of families residing in this Exchange area whose members are working outside India in Gulf countries, USA, Canada, etc. They are earning lot of foreign exchange which is being used for the development of the country. For quick communication with these people in different countries STD facility at Vakathanam Exchange is very essential. As this Exchange is directly connected to a major exchange viz., Kottayam, it will be easier to establish STD facility. I, therefore, request the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to establish STD facility at Vakathanam Exchange.

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(vii) Need to include certain projects in Eighth Five Year Plan to provide drinking water to Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur from Indira Gandhi Canal

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a matter of urgent public importance.

The drinking water problem in the desert