

should be given to the persons found indulging in unlawful felling of trees.

- (5) With a view to restore the beauty of the Aravali ranges, seeds should be thrown in the hills from helicopters during rainy season so that denuding of the hills could be checked.

If the Central Government provides hundred percent aid for Aravali Development Board, then natural beauty of the hills would be restored and famine problem of Rajasthan could also be solved partially.

[English]

- (vii) Demand for railway facilities in North Bengal.

SHRI ANADA PATHAK (Darjeeling) : Problem of development of industrially backward North Bengal has agitated the minds of the people of that region and prominently figured in the press. As a prior condition for setting up of industries and develop the region, rail link and road communication should be strengthened. I therefore urge upon the Government to restore the withdrawn trains like Kunchanjunga Express, Vaisali Express etc., revive the Siliguri Junction Station, remove the level crossing from the heart of Siliguri town and divert it from Rangapani, expedite the work of putting double line from Malda to Jalpaiguri, probe new line between Malda and Balurghat via Hilli and Tapan, introduce a direct train from new Jalpaiguri to Delhi, modernise the Darjeeling Himalayan Rail running on the narrow gauge line from new Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling.

- (viii) Demand for an AIR Station at Perundurai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichettipalayam) : In Tamil Nadu State periyar District is completely depending on agriculture as their profession. The agriculturists of that district are not having any opportunity of hearing Radio News because there is no Radio station situated nearby. The Coimbatore All India Radio

Station is situated 100 kms. away from Erode, the capital of the District. Because of the low wave length and the lower power transmitters even the border area people of Coimbatore and Periyar Districts are unable to hear the Radio Programmes clearly. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should take immediate steps to have an All-India Radio Station at Perundurai which is very near to Erode and is an elevated place which would be very helpful for broadcasting the programmes and the people may be able to hear them clearly.

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[English]

12.16 hrs.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up item number 7—Further discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Water Resources.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am very sorry to say that a major part of India which should have been covered under irrigation facilities or should have been brought under Department of Water Resources, has not been brought under it so far. Though Government talks about green revolution, yet so far as green revolution in the entire country is concerned, the Government has totally failed in it. Except one or two states, a major part of the country is lagging behind in the matter of irrigation facilities and as a result thereof, the production in many states is far below than the All India average production per hectare. Bihar is one of them, the problems in the country are becoming very serious. The main reason for it is lack of irrigation facilities. Unless we