

[Shri V. Sreenivasa Prasad]  
already in existence between Bangalore and Mysore. The M/W line between New Delhi and Madras passes through Mysore City.

The M/W line between Mangalore and Bangalore will be free till 8.40 P. M. i.e. till the beginning of National Programme, Madras and Bangalore T. V. Centres will link to Delhi at 8.40 P. M. for the National hook-up.

Hence by installing M/W receiving equipments at Mysore, Coorg and Mangalore and connecting these centres with Bangalore Doordarshan, these places can telecast Kannada Programmes from Bangalore Doordarshan. All the above places have already been provided with LPT's and will not burden the chequer. By connecting Mysore, Coorg and Bangalore LPT's from Bangalore Doordarshan, population of eight districts of Karnataka will have the privilege of viewing Kannada programmes.

I urge upon the Central Government to look into the matter.

12.10 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*Translation*]

**(III) Need for immediate steps to increase the power supply to Delhi**

SHRIBHARAT SINGH (Outer Delhi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in Delhi the Indraprastha Thermal Power Station generates 200 MW power and Badarpur Thermal Station generates 450 MW power. We get 150 MW power from Singrauli Thermal Station. The consumption of power of Delhi is 1044 MW. Therefore, the power supply falls short of the requirement. As a result, load shedding has to be resorted for as many as eight to ten hours. Keeping in view the fact that power connections for industrial and residential purposes have tremendously increased in Delhi, steps should be taken to generate 750 MW additional power in Indra-

prastha or Badarpur Power Station so that the power requirement of Delhi is met adequately.

[*English*]

**(IV) Need to lift the ban on opening of new Post Offices**

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): There is a general ban on the opening of new Post Offices in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan. As a result the Ministry of Communications is paying no heed to the genuine demands for opening of Post Offices even at Gram Panchayat Headquarter and important towns creating discontentment and resentment among the people. It is not convenient for the people of one Gram Panchayat to go over to another Gram Panchayat for their postal requirements. Without a Post Office for every Gram Panchayat the country cannot be said to be saturated with Post Offices. The necessity of having a Post Office and a Public Call Office at every Gram Panchayat Headquarter in our country at least during the celebration of 40th Anniversary of our Independence need not be ever over-emphasized.

I would urge upon the Union Government to reconsider the matter and lift the existing general ban so as to facilitate opening of Post Offices at the deserving places during the current Five Year Plan.

**(V) Need to explore the possibility of export of mangoes grown in Mithila region of Bihar**

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur): Delicious mangoes are available in the Mithila region of North Bihar at a throw away price.

There is a great scope for the export of mangoes to foreign countries, particularly gulf countries. For the last two and a half years, we have been making strenuous efforts to impress upon the Union Government to explore the possibility of exporting Mithila

mangoes to Gulf countries. The Government made several promises but nothing concrete has been done so far in this regard.

Fruit growers of Mithila region are excited to note that their produce can be exported to foreign countries and they can get remunerative prices.

Today the fruit growers are indifferent and do not grow mangoes scientifically because they know they will hardly get any worthwhile price for their produce. If they are assured of a stable market, they can grow very good variety of mangoes which will be in great demand abroad. All that is needed is proper guidance to them.

I therefore request the Central Government to take adequate interest in the matter and explore the possibility of export of mangoes from Mithila.

**(vi) Need to Introduce a Super fast train between Puri and New Delhi**

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack): Sir, the railway facilities available between Delhi and Orissa are quite inadequate. The 175/176 Nilachal Express which connects Puri/Bhubaneswar with New Delhi runs thrice a week. It takes 36 hours to reach the destination. But it invariably comes late by 3 to 4 hours. Another train 77/78 Utkal Express goes via Agra, Katni and Bilaspur and takes 42 hours to reach Puri. The 143/144 Kalinga Express has been withdrawn after 77/78 Utkal Express was made a daily train.

The 915/916 New Nilachal which was subsequently named as Puri Express has not yet been made super fast. It takes about 29 hours to reach the destination. Due to long and tedious train journey the passengers face a lot of hardship.

Railways have planned for a super fast Express train to be introduced between Puri and Delhi. Now the passenger traffic has steadily increased and the accommodation

remains full and many passengers do not get reservation on either side.

As the South Eastern Railway is going to celebrate its centenary at Bhubaneswar during this year, on this occasion, the proposal to introduce a super fast train between New Delhi and Puri should be considered sympathetically. This train should have a running time of 24 hours. This will provide a great relief to the passengers and will contribute towards the growth of tourist traffic.

As such, I request that a super-fast train should be introduced between Puri and New Delhi without any further delay.

**(vii) Need to provide financial assistance for putting in-well bores for irrigation in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh.**

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Hindupur): Sir, there are about 55,000 wells in the Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh and all of them have gone dry. In-well-bores in the wells are providing water for irrigation. If in-well-bores are put in all the wells the sufferings of people can be reduced considerably. To put in-well-bore, it costs about five thousand rupees and if the Central Government sanctions 5 crores of rupees, about ten thousand wells can be rejuvenated by putting in-well-bores and twenty thousand families can be saved.

So, it is requested that the Union Government may be pleased to grant rupees five crores to save the people of this district from the effects of recurring famine.

**(viii) Need to provide adequate funds for industrial development of North Bengal**

SHRI ANANDA PATHAK (Darjeeling): Sir, the Prime Minister during his last visit to North Bengal as well as the hill areas of Darjeeling, has assured adequate financial assistance for the industrial development of that region. The Deputy Chairman of Plan-