

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 The 143/144 Kalinga Express has been withdrawn after 77/78 Utkal Express was made a daily train.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-