

[Sh. Sriballav Panigrahi]

among the people in the concerned areas including Talcher and Brajarajnagar in Orissa. I would, therefore, urge upon the authorities to sympathetically consider the matter and accordingly revise their policy allowing proper medical facilities to the people on liberal terms.

- (iv) **Need to continue the 12 bogies train running between Dadar and Virar of Western Railway**

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH(Bombay North): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister for Railways to the decision taken by the General Manager, Western Railway regarding discontinuance of 12-bogie suburban local train running between Dadar and Virar. There are all possibilities to extend it up to Churchgate by extending the platforms at Grant Road and one platform at Churchgate.

This 12-bogie train has given lot of relief to commuters of Bhayander, Vasai and Virar. It was started on an experimental basis. Although, it has given relief to the commuters, yet Western Railway authorities are not accepting this fact.

12.28 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

In fact, Railway authorities never tried to make it more useful for more people. There are platforms available for 12-bogie train at Dadar, Bhandra, Andheri, Borivalee, Bhayander, Vasai and Virar. There are possibilities to extent platforms at Churchgate, Grant Road, Goregaon and Dahisar too.

In fact, 12-bogie train is the only real solution for the commuters of Western Railway suburban section. It will minimise the problem of over-crowding as 12-bogie train can carry 33 per cent more commuters.

- (v) **Demand for installing a Powerful T.V. transmission booster at Chittoor**

SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI (Chittoor): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, in Chittoor, which is in my constituency, the reception of programmes on T.V. is very poor. People in Chittoor are not getting regional and national programmes. Chittoor is surrounded by hills which is also one of the reasons for poor reception. The former Minister of Information and Broadcasting had given an assurance that the Tirupati relay station would be strengthened but no action has so far been taken in the matter. Rich people are able to see the programmes by installing dish antenna but poor people are not in a position to pay huge amounts for dish antenna.

I would, therefore, request the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to kindly issue instructions for installing a powerful TV transmission booster at Chittoor.

- (vi) **Need to consider sympathetically the demands of the striking officers of Public Sector Undertakings**

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY (Katwa): For the first time in Independent India the officers of the Public Sector Undertakings have been on hunger strike all over the country on certain genuine demands relating to the Public Sector.

Their demands are:-

1. They should be taken into confidence by the Government in the running of the enterprises;
2. Implement the recommendations of High Power Pay Committee for the CDA Companies and allow the IDA managements and the IDA Company associations to negotiate Salary and DA settlements keeping HPPC recommendations as the guidelines;