

so that this area could be connected with other parts of the country. In this way, Gorakhpur and North Bihar would have a direct link with South India and it would also help in the development of this backward area.

I would request Government that keeping in view the religious importance of Ayodhya and with a view to provide facilities to the pilgrims and the tourists, this work may be undertaken. Besides, an Express train should also be run between Ayodhya and Prayag, which are places of pilgrimage.

[*English*]

- (iii) Need to start the proposed construction of Mathura-Alwar Railway line immediately and from the Alwar town.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar): Sir, Mathura-Alwar (B.G. 119.75 RM) new railway line has been approved and inaugurated by the former Minister of Railways.

Total cost of the project was estimated at Rs. 34.75 crores approximately. Inaugural function was performed of village Ramgarh and foundation stone was laid by the Railway Minister. Financial allocation of Rs. one lakh was provided in the Railway Supplementary Budget, 1983-84. Indian Railways Year Book, 1983-84 has also specifically mentioned that Mathura-Alwar (B.G. 119.75 KM) new railway line has been approved and construction work inaugurated.

In the Railway Budget, 1985-86 an allocation of Rs. 1,31,84,000/- has been made for construction of Mathura-Alwar (B.G. 119.75) new railway line. Agricultural lands of villages of Alwar and Ramgarh Tehsils are being acquired for construction of this railway line. Land Acquisition Officer, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur has already initiated proceedings for acquisition of agricul-

ture lands for the railway track. But the proceedings need to be expedited and construction work should immediately start from Alwar town.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Railways, Government of India that construction work should start immediately and it should start from Alwar town.

- (iv) Need to launch a special drive to clear all pending cases for sanction of pension to certain waiting freedom fighters

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur): Sir, A large number of freedom fighters/ex-INA personnel who are in their old age are still waiting for the sanction of the Freedom Fighters pension to them. Many of them are nearing the point of death. It is, therefore, essential that the Union Government launches a special drive to clear all cases for the sanction of this pension and ensure that applications pending on flimsy grounds/objections/verifications are disposed of quickly.

I request the Union Home Minister to launch this drive immediately.

- (v) Need to set up a fishing harbour at Paradeep without further delay

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack): The proposal for establishment of a modern fishing harbour at Paradeep was initiated in 1972. The Government of Orissa had pursued this matter at the level of Union Ministers at different periods. The Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has submitted the report in favour of the construction of a fishing harbour at Paradeep Port.

The estimates on development of fishing harbour at Paradeep Port were prepared and sent to the Government of India about nine years back. The former Union Minister of Agriculture

had given an assurance on the floor of the House to take up the project. But it is regrettable that the proposal has not been implemented so far.

The estimate for Paradeep fishing harbour has been updated from time to time. At present about 500 boats are operating in Paradeep area and these boats are being accommodated temporarily at wooden jetties in a very limited space inside the turning basin of main harbour without any facility. In the absence of fishing harbour facility, the boats are creating problems for the Port Authority. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary that a fishing harbour is set up at Paradeep without any further delay. I request the concerned Ministers to take necessary steps in this regard.

- (vi) Need to declare birthday of Jagajyothi Basaveswara a national holiday and instal his statue in front of Parliament House

SHRI G S. BASAVARAJ (Tumkur): Sir, in the 12th Century, on the auspicious day of Vyshaka Akshaya Thadige, which falls this day, the great Jagajyothi Basaveswara, the socio-economic reformer of this country was born in Karnataka. Under his leadership, he tried to unite the whole nation as one. He was the greatest social, political, economic and philosophical reformer. He did this in a more effective manner than Karl Marx. He created a casteless and classless society in those days. His preachings and lyrics deserve to be followed. He was the first man to organise a Parliament, called as 'Anubhavamantap' wherein every person was free to take part in the debate. He was responsible for the union of the upper and lower classes into one society, irrespective of profession, status, wealth, etc. In addition, he arranged for marriages between the upper and lower classes. As Prime Minister of State, he was a great administrator and he was also simple and humble. He made the people work, earn and eat, i.e., "Work is Worship" (*Kayakave Kylasa*).

Hence, I request our beloved Hon. Prime Minister. Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to take the following action immediately in the interest of developing a better socialistic pattern of society for our country on the lines of what Jagajyothi Basaveswara had thought of :

- (1) His birthday should be observed as a national holiday to perpetuate his preachings to create a more healthy society.
- (2) His statue should be installed in front of the Parliament House to provide inspiration to one and all from his preachings and actions.
- (3) All his writings, together with the writings of other great men and women contemporaries; which are now in Kannada language, should be translated into all the national and world languages and published all over the world to create an atmosphere for every human being of this world to live as one and feel as one.
- (4) His birth place and places of preachings and the places of practices are all to be declared as ancient monuments of our country and thus protected to inspire the minds of the present and future generations.
- (vii) Need to allocate more railway wagons for movement of Steel materials to Coimbatore daily

SHRI N. SOUNDARARAJAN (Sivakashi): Sir, there are about 400 foundries in Coimbatore district in Tamil Nadu. All these foundries are on the verge of closure due to non-availability of pig iron, a raw material, throwing thousands of workers out of jobs at present in Coimbatore.