

In this connection, I would request the Central Government to ensure that the schemes meant for development of backward areas are not held up in the name of protecting environment, and that they are linked with the mainstream of development so that the country as well as its integrity is strengthened.

[English]

- (vi) Need to run more trains from Kalyan to Bombay V.T.

SHRI S. G. GHOLAP (Thane) : It is a fact that Kalyan-Bombay VT local trains are always overcrowded and it is the urgent need of the day to have more trains from Kalyan and accordingly Railways have taken a decision to shift the goods shed from West to East at Kalyan, so that home platform at Kalyan can be made available and more trains can be run from Kalyan.

Now the goods traffic is shifted from west to east and goods shed can be utilised for local trains as it is done at Thana.

It is also a fact that the then Divisional Manager, Bombay announced at the time of opening of foot-overbridge at Dombivali that the above facility at Kalyan will be made available before June 1986 and there will be a train after every five minutes.

In the above circumstances, it is requested that action be taken so that more trains can be run from Kalyan to Bombay V.T.

- (vii) Need to complete the construction of second bridge over Hooghly at Calcutta at the earliest.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY (Midnapore) : The second bridge on the Hooghly at Calcutta is yet far from completion. This bridge was accepted on a priority basis for construction more than 15 years back. The estimated cost of the bridge has gone up to Rs.175 crores from the original Rs. 9 crores due to abnormal delay and consequent escalation of prices,

Still there is no view in sight towards its completion. Calcutta which is one of most congested cities in India needs very early completion of this bridge for easing its most congested traffic. It is a matter of regret that many target dates have been fixed earlier for its completion raising high hopes in the minds of the people; but ultimately all hopes were belied. I urge upon the Government to take up the matter and do whatsoever is possible to complete the construction of this bridge as early as possible taking the State Government into confidence.

- (viii) Need to provide financial assistance to Karnataka for setting up power generating plants there.

DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar) : There is an acute power crisis in Karnataka on account of the unprecedented drought during last four years. This year also there is no sufficient rain in the State. The small and medium farmers have become helpless. Their pumpsets have become useless due to lack of power supply.

Karnataka has several plans to generate power. There is a proposal to set up a gas turbine plant of the capacity of 120 Mega Watts in Bangalore. Four power generating units of the capacity of 10 Mega Watts each are going to be set up at Bidar, Indi, Kolar and Tamkur. These centres would fulfil the requirement of electricity for agriculture and to small scale industries.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to help the State in setting up of these power generating centres at the earliest.

1'.26 hrs.

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[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up Item No. 6 re : further