States of the Country. It is yet to be introduced in Orissa, in a regular manner. If there is any State in the country, which needs the introduction of this service very urgently, it is Orissa, since this State is not inter-connected by the Railways. East and West Orissa, North and South Orissa, remains unconnected by Air. The important centers like Rourkela, Bubaneshwar Naval Centre Chilka and HAL Township Sunabada, Gopalpur-on-Sea are not directly inter-connected by train services.

One has to take arduous journey across many States to reach these destinations, which involves lot of time and expenditure. Puri is a place of Pilgrimage. Puri, Bhubaneshwar, Berhampur, Jeyapur, Sunabada, Jagadalpur (Madhya Pradesh) should be connected by Vayudoot service.

Jamshedpur, Rourkela and Bhilai need to be immediately connected by Vayudoot service for providing steel plants quick transport. Port to Port Vayudoot service is also a necessity. Haldia Paradip, Gopalpur-on-Sea and Visakhapatnam also need to be connected by Vayudoot.

(iv) Need to withdraw the latest rules regarding cancellation charges for railway tickets

SHRI S.G. GHOLAP (Thane) : It is learnt that the Railway Board with effect from January, 1986 has steeply revised the cancellation charges for tickets. As per the latest cancellation rules, which have not been publicly notified or published, obviously fearing public resentment, a second-class ticket holder has to suffer to the extent of 50 per cent of the value of the ticket as cancellation charges, even if the ticket is cancelled two full days in advance of the scheduled departure of the train. This unprecedented and unwarranted rise has added an extra burden on the already harassed commuters.

Nobody cancels a confirmed reservation unless it becomes absolutely essential.

Further, the general public is of the view that it has added to the rampant corruption. Due to the heavy cancellation charges, people are lured by agents to part with their confirmed reservation tickets at almost the same cost. Such tickets are then sold to last minute travellers at a handsome premium.

I therefore, request the Government to look into this and withdraw the latest cancellation rules immediately.

(v) Need to ensure equal wages for equal work for men and women engaged in tea gardens in Assam and other parts to the country

DR. PHULRENU GUHA (Contai) : Sir, in certain tea gardens of Assam, men and women workers do not get equal wages for equal work.

It is not only in Assam but also in other parts of India that this practice may exist.

The Government of India should institute an enquiry to find out the position in different parts of India and take proper action immediately.

(vi) Need to take drastic steps to augment the supply to articles of daily necessities in cities like Bombay

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE (Bombay North Central) : Food articles such as grains, edible oils, vanaspati, sugar and condiments have registered a sharp rise in prices in the past few weeks, particularly in cities like Bombay. The price rise is more in the retail than in the wholesale markets. Vegetables in particular have gone beyond the reach of the common man and are being sold at record high levels. I urge upon the Food and Civil Supplies Minister to take drastic steps to augment the supplies of daily necessities and to strengthen and encourage the consumers' bodies. The Government may also take stern steps against the traders for undue profiteering.

13.18 hrs.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(vii) Need to adopt necessary measures to prevent leakage of chlorine gas in Orient Paper Mills, Brajrajnagar in Orissa

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, there has been a serious accident of leakageof chlorine gas in the