

(Vidisha) : It is a welcome decision that the Malwa Superfast Express train will run daily between New Delhi-Bhopal and Indore from 1st May, 1985. There is a long-standing demand for the stoppage of this Superfast train at Vidisha station similarly several memoranda and reminders have been submitted by various organisations of my constituency for the stoppage of Dakshin Express at Ganj Basoda.

Vidisha and Ganj Basoda are very good business centres with historical background and also attract foreign and inland tourist traffic for the archeological monuments at Sanchi, Udaigiri, Udaipur Gyara-spur, Kham-baba ect. I would request the Railway Minister to look into the matter for considering these two stoppages at the earliest possible time.

[Translation]

(vii) Need to bring Purnea (Bihar) on the air map of India

SHRI D.L. BAITHA (Araria) : The district of Purnea, on the North Eastern border of Bihar is situated on the border of Nepal. There are still no suitable means of transport in the area as a result of which it is not developing.

Near Purnea, there is a Defence airfield in Chunapur which is not being used now by the Defence Department. It is, therefore, suggested that Purnea may be connected by air service. Delhi-Patna-Calcutta flight or Delhi-Patna-Bagdogra flight can be scheduled via Purnea once or twice a week and thus it can be brought on the air map. Earlier also, the private companies have been running air services from here and earning profit. Therefore, it is expected that it will prove to be a profit earning service and there will be no losses. If it is not possible to do so, it should be linked with Vayu-doot service immediately.

(viii) Need to complete the distributaries in Ganganagar District taking off from Indira Main Canal

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar) : Sir, all the direct minors taken out in Ganganagar district from the Indira Main Canal have been left incomplete and if these the extended further according to the survey, lakhs of

acres of land can be irrigated with bye-flow water. The farmers of that area have been expecting water for their fields for quite a long time. The incomplete minors are as follows :—

1. Rathi Khera Minor
2. Khetanwali distributary
3. Zoravarpura distributary
4. Sardarpura distributary
5. Khonda distributary
6. Khildasari distributary
7. Chulli distributary
8. Thethar distributary
9. Jesamatee distributary
10. Kanhore distributary
11. Bhojewala distributary
12. Somasar distributary, and
13. Piperan distributary.

I would urge the Government of India that these incomplete minors should be completed on a war footing so that the farmers may get irrigation facilities and their backwardness and poverty may be removed and at the same time the country may also have the benefit of more production.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

12.10 hrs.

Reported removal and shipping of priceless treasures of Indian art and culture including rare works of sculptures for display during the Festival of India in the United States of America and France.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, we taken up the Calling Attention, Mr. Unnikrishnan. Now, I can diagnose what the Minister was suffering from, namely that he was still used to the old Parliamentary procedure. This is the Eighth Lok Sabha, but he was living in the days of the Seventh Lok Sabha and he did