

[Shri Harish Rawat]

Ram Nagar broad gauge line and only Rs 2 crores were allocated for Rampur-New Haldwani line. As a result of this, there is great resentment among the people against the decision of the Railway Ministry

I, therefore, request that the Ministry of Railways should provide funds for construction of these two broad gauge lines by according the highest priority to these lines.

- (iii) **Demand for restoring rights to land to the Tribals and Harijans of tehsil Dudhi in Mirzapur district of U.P. where the Forest Department seeks to acquire their land**

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA (Roberts-ganj): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is a matter of great concern that the Forest Department by publishing a notification under Section-20 has decided without undertaking any survey on the spot to displace Adivasis and Harijans of tehsil Dudhi in Mirzapur district of U.P. on large scale from their land on which they have been living for years together and on which they have their wells, houses, fruit trees and other properties. Surprisingly that land has also been included in the notification under Section-20 which had been given on lease to Harijans. As a result, the land allocation has proved to be a curse rather than a blessing to the Harijans and landless persons of this tehsil. So far so that the land allotted to the families displaced and resettled due to construction of Rihand dam has also been included in the said notification whereas the Forest Department itself had allotted that land to the Revenue Department for the purpose of housing and farming. For example, in village Darankhan and Khairahi the land given to the displaced persons on lease was never mutated in their names. That land remained under Section-20 or remained with the Gram Samaj.

I, therefore, through this Notice draw the

attention of the Forest Minister towards this matter and demand that the above matter may be enquired into by a high level committee set up by the Government and should restore the rights to land to those who have been in actual possession and on which they have their houses, wells, trees etc. Otherwise, the great resentment among the people will take the shape of an agitation and unsocial elements will take undue advantage of the pent-up feelings of the people.

[English]

- (iv) **Delay on the part of DDA in allotting plots to displaced persons in Chittaranjan Park area, Delhi**

DR PHULRENU GUHA (Contai):
Under Rule 377, I am making a statement

In 1976 Government invited applications from the displaced persons for allotment of plots in New Delhi. A large number of applications were received. After scrutiny 794 applications were found eligible for allotment of plots. Only 82 plots were available in the Chittaranjan Park Area. The remaining 712 eligible persons could not be allotted plots. In 1985, the Ministry of Works and Housing, took a decision to rehabilitate many of them in the Chittaranjan Park Area by reducing the area of plots. D.D.A. was asked to develop the land. D.D.A. in turn asked the displaced persons to deposit development cost. They paid an amount of Rs. 58 lakhs as advance in September to D.D.A. to develop the land. The D.D.A. also gave an assurance in writing some time in December, 1985 that the development work would be completed and allotment of plots made to these people middle of 1986 but after some time, the development work was stopped without assigning any reason. I urge upon Government to look into the matter without delay.