

as it is cut off from the big business centres of the country. It would be injustice with the people of North Bihar if the Rail Ministry keeps on getting renewed time and again this approved project and delays sanctioning of funds for its commencement.

The Government is, therefore, urged upon to provide funds for the construction of Darbhanga-Samastipur broad gauge and Sakri-Hasanpur railway lines without further delay and the work on these lines should be undertaken on priority basis.

[*English*]

(iii) **Demand for expansion of Nagpur Airport**

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): Sir, in view of the inadequate accommodation at the Nagpur airport, there is an urgent need for its expansion. There is no verandah for the people to sit and during rains, people are seen huddled in the small porch. The question of its expansion and providing basic amenities at the Nagpur airport has been brought to the notice of the Government several times and assurances had also been given but nothing has been done so far. In view of the increasing number of passengers, I request the Minister of Civil Aviation to ensure that all modern facilities are provided at Nagpur airport and its expansion done at the earliest.

12.18 hours

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(iv) **Financial assistance to Odissi Research Centre in Orissa for sustaining the research-oriented activities of the Centre**

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Government of Orissa have set up Odissi Research

Centre for promoting and propagating the Odissi dance form and conducting research in various facets of this rich cultural tradition of our country.

Over the past couple of years, the Centre has done commendable work in the codification, documentation and dissemination of the Odissi dance form and for replenishment of the Odissi repertoire. It has also started intensive training of Odissi Gurus from all over the country. A two year programme of intensive in-house training in Odissi dance and music for middle level artists is also being conducted by the Centre. Valuable video-taping of about 200 hours on the various aspects of the living traditions of Odissi has been done and preserved for posterity.

The State Government have been funding this Centre, which has now become autonomous, for the last 3 years from the budget of its Culture Department. Considering the scope, objective and current level of activities, there is urgent need for augmenting the resources of the Odissi Research Centre.

The programme undertaken by the Research Centre cannot be completed within a reasonable time frame owing to budgetary constraints.

As such, I request the Government of India to provide an annual recurring assistance of Rs. 15 lakhs with effect from 1988-89 with a view to sustaining the research oriented activities of the Centre.

[*Translation*]

(v) **Demand for purchase of hand-loom woollen cloth for military uniforms**

SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ (Moradabad): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the