

[Shri Manvendra Singh]

Not only Indians, but lakhs of pilgrims and visitors from all corners of the world visit Vrindaban every year. They feel agonised to see the dilapidated condition of parikrama approaches and of the ancient places of pilgrimage in Brijdham which hurts their religious feelings.

I would suggest that for the protection and preservation of the ancient culture, folk music, forest, circumambulation way of Mathura and Vrindaban and for the preservation of the character of the Yamuna, a high level committee may be formed involving the Archaeological, Environment, Forest, Tourism and irrigation departments to prepared a comprehensive plan for this purpose.

[English]

- (vi) Demand for running Delhi Puri Express daily and rationalising time schedule of Nilachal Express.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY (Puri) : Delhi-Puri Express is now running as a super-fast train and the time has been restored to original schedule. But it should run from Delhi to Puri and back every day so that convenient and speedy travel can be possible. The Bhubaneswar is the State Capital. It needs immediate communication with Delhi, the National Capital. So I request the Minister of Transport to immediately introduce the running of Puri Express from Delhi to Puri and back on all the days of the week and it may be examined if the running time can be reduced by 2 to 3 hours so that it can assure more easy communication.

The time schedule of Nilachal and Utkal Express has been abnormally increased. Utkal Express goes by Western Orissa and provides travelling facility for 5 districts of Orissa. But now-a-days on account of increase in time schedule it is very much inconvenient to travel in the said train. I would urge upon the Railway Minister to restore the normal time schedule that was previously operating and to rationalise the travel so that travel from Puri to Delhi and back will not be that difficult.

The time schedule of Nilachal Express from Delhi to Puri and back needs to be rationalised.

- (vii) Need for allocating sufficient funds for Tambaram-Chingleput railway doubling work.

DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN (Chengalpattu) : It is disheartening to note that the pace of work of Tambaram Chingleput railway doubling work is completely at a standstill with the result the main purpose of the project is defeated. Only a token provision of Rs. 1 lakh was made initially for the project. The project was sanctioned by the Railway Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.53 crores and the initial idea was to go ahead with the project at top gear. It was understood that for want of sufficient funds, the project, work has been suspended and the people of the district and the State as a whole has been much agitated and dissatisfied. The doubling work has to be taken up in hand immediately to help speed up the trains on this important line which cater to thousands of office-goers and college students and trading public. Hence the urgent need is to allocate sufficient funds immediately so that the important doubling work of Tambaram-Chingleput is taken up and completed without further delay.

- (viii) Demand for lifting ban on recruitment so that Verts manufacturing unit of Ordinance Clothing Factory at Avadi is Commissioned.

DR. A KALANIDHI (Madras Central) : Sir, the Ordinance Clothing Factory at Avadi, Madras, Tamil Nadu is manufacturing clothes (pants, Shirts, etc.) for military personnel. The workers of the above factory are doing their best without going for strikes, etc. The present Vice-President of India while he was Defence Minister sanctioned a vest unit, that is, manufacturing Baniyaen for the defence people. Now the materials have come. Machineries were purchased and kept idle. The necessary manpower is not sanctioned in view of the policy of ban on recruitment. Unless and otherwise this ban is removed there is no scope for this Baniyaen factory to be commissioned. Moreover I understand that 20 crores materials work stitched outside by giving contract to private parties