

should be restarted without any further delay. Here thousands of families of labourers find it hard to manage two square meals as even the stone quarries are not operating regularly because of the Forest Act. Therefore, arrangements should be made to start the mining operations in these mines on a regular basis. Panna district is also a very suitable place for an ordnance factory. Hence the Government may set up an ordnance factory here. I hope, the Government will help remove the backwardness of this area by setting up industries and by restarting the mining operations in these mines.

(iv) Need to open 'Krishi Vigyan Kendra' and Agriculture College in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh

SHRI NANDLAL CHOUDHARY (Sagar): Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh is predominantly an agriculture based district, but the economic condition of farmers and agriculture labourers of this district is not good. This district is lacking in various such modern agricultural techniques which could help increase the agricultural production in this district. There is also for training in modern agricultural techniques in this district. People of this district have been requesting the Union Ministry of Agriculture for the last several years for setting up a Krishi Vigyan Kendra there. Assurances were also given in the past for setting up a Krishi Vigyan Kendra but it has not been opened here so far. Similarly, a demand has also been made on several occasions to set up an agriculture college at Khuria in Sagar district but even this college has not been provided here so far.

Therefore, I would like to request the Government to announce that very soon a

Krishi Vigyan Kendra and an agriculture college will be opened in Sagar district.

(v) Need for run 208 Down as Express train upto Agra and 22 Down as passenger train

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN (Barmer): 207 UP/208 DN Barmer-Agra Fort Express is an important train which covers distance of 900 Kms. On this route there are two important cities of Rajasthan i.e. Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan and Jodhpur city. This train terminates at Agra which is also an important town of Uttar Pradesh. Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Jaipur and Agra are the important centres of tourist attraction. But Western Railway has adopted an indifferent attitude in respect of this train and it is because of that attitude that this train has been running as a passenger train between Jaipur and Agra whereas the 22 Down which also runs between Jaipur and Agra is an express train.

208 DN reaches Jaipur at 5.35 A.M. whereas 22 DN. Express leaves Jaipur at 6.10 a.m. For the passengers, tourists, army officers and jawans reaching there by 208 DN, 22 DN is the connecting train for their onward journey to Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur. Here they are charged exorbitantly by the coolies for the transportation of their luggage. It is almost a daily affair. Here the engine of 208 DN is shunted and attached to the 22 DN. Both these trains are run under the charge of Western Railway. Because of indifferent attitude of Western Railway 208 DN has been running as a passenger train and facing heavy damage. I, therefore, request the Minister of Railways that for the convenience of passengers, 208 DN train should be run as express train upto Agra and 22 DN train should be run as a passenger train.