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Tribe people are being deprived of such lands because of their extreme poverty and ignorance.

So, I urge upon the Central Government to look into the matter and see that ceiling surplus land and cultivable land be distributed among the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe landless and poor people so that the down-trodden have at least the minimum of subsistence.

(iii) Need to increase frequency of trains between Kharagpur Junction and Gidni in West Bengal and provide other facilities at Gidni Station

SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU (Jhargram) : Sir, the daily commuters at the Gidni Railway Station in the district of Midnapore, West Bengal have been facing tremendous hardship for a long time. Their problems relate to less frequency of the trains running through Gidni Station. Daily commuters demand increase in frequency of trains between Kharagpur Junction and Gidni. Their representatives have discussed this with the higher Railway officers but to no avail. Further, the train 'Steel Express' should also stop at Gidni during its Up and Down journeys. The platform level of the Station should be raised to facilitate easy boarding and alighting of trains by the children, old and infirm passengers. The people of the locality are mostly tribals. To uplift the tribals, the demands of the daily commuters need to be fulfilled immediately.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to initiate an action in this regard without delay.

(iv) Need for early commissioning of T.V. Studio and setting up of T.V. Camera Unit at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): Sir, Doordarshan had decided to construct a T.V. studio at Vijayawada by the end of the Seventh Plan. The then Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting had laid the foundation stone of this studio during the year 1989-90. The Government has been saying that it has ordered for the import of equipment and that the construction of the T.V. Studio at Vijayawada will commence in 1994-95. It is learnt that the equipment has been received and diverted to some other place. Similarly, in respect of sanction of the T.V. Camera Units at Vijayawada, it has been learnt that the T.V. Camera Unit will be provided at Vijayawada, by transferring the same from Hyderabad. A lot of delay is taking place in implementing these decisions of the Government.

I urge upon the Government to take necessary steps to give effect to the above two decisions without any further delay.

(v) Need to take immediate measures to repair National Highway 31-A in Sikkim

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI (Sikkim) : Sir, the National Highway 31-A, which connects Sikkim with the rest of the country, serves as the lifeline for the State. Despite its public and strategic importance, the maintenance of the Highway does not receive adequate attention of the authorities concerned.