

[Shri V. S. Vijayaraghavan]

Trivandrum division has created a new hope that the people of Kerala who have been neglected already in the matter of railway development, will also be able to achieve progress. Moreover, this line provides much better service to the passengers than when it was under the Madurai division.

It is highly regrettable that a section of railway employees should have started an agitation for transfer of Tirunelveli-Kanyakumari line to Madurai Division.

It is quite natural for the people of Kerala to entertain the apprehension that if this line is taken out of Trivandrum Division, the Division itself would be wound up.

Therefore, while requesting the Government that it should not yield to the agitators I would appeal to the government to assure the people of Kerala that the two railway divisions Palghat and Trivandrum of Kerala will remain intact and thus dispel the apprehension from the minds of the people.

(iii) OUTBREAK OF ENCEPHALITIS IN BIHAR.

श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर (मोतीहारी):

बिहार के कई जिलों में और खास कर पूर्वी चम्पारन जिले में एन्सिफलाइटिस के रोग से सैकड़ों व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हो गई है तथा रोग का प्रसार जारी है। सरकार की ओर से कोई समुचित प्रभावकारी कदम नहीं उठाये गये हैं कि रोग का निवारण तथा प्रसार पर रोकथाम हो।

अस्तु, मैं इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का ध्यान खींचना चाहता हूँ कि अविलम्ब ऐसी कार्रवाई की जाए कि जनता की जान बचाई जा सके। स्वास्थ्य मंत्री इस बात पर अविलम्ब कार्रवाई करें।

(IV) VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL AT KANYAKUMARI.

SHRI R. K. MHALGI (Thane): The Vivekanand Rock Memorial at Kanyakumari attracting between 3000 and 10,000 visitors including foreigners every day is likely to be closed for visitors in the first week of December, 1980, for want of ferry services. Kanyakumari harbour area which was leased out by the Government to the Memorial has been progressively encroached up on by the local fishermen during the past four years. Despite repeated representations, the Central and State Governments failed to take any action.

The fishermen were obstructing desilting operations in the area. The launch and the boats being used to carry visitors are not allowed even to be repaired.

A memorial to Swami Vivekanand is situated on the rock in the sea at Kanyakumari. It is situated on the rock in the sea at before he went to Chicago. The Central and the State Governments had given grants for the Memorial in lakhs.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to take immediate steps to save the Memorial from being closed for visitors.

(V) POWER SHORTAGE IN RAJASTHAN.

श्री वृद्धि चंद्र जैन (बाड़मेर):

देश में अक्तूबर एवं नवम्बर, 1980 माह में बिजली के उत्पादन में वृद्धि के उपरान्त भी राजस्थान राज्य में गांधी सागर, राणा प्रताप सागर एवं जवाहर सागर में वर्षा की कमी से पानी कम आने के कारण एवं कोटा अणु बिजलीघर की प्रथम इकाई में बार-बार यान्त्रिक त्रुटियों के कारण बंद हो जाने के कारण भयंकर संकट है। इस संकट में और वृद्धि होगी जब गांधी