

[Shri Kedar Panday]

These are the four terms of reference. That would include all the things.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
All the fly-overs?

SHRI KEDAR PANDAY: All the fly-overs.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
I want to know about the others. He has not said anything.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: He has replied. Now matters under Rule 377, Shri Narayan Choubey.

(Interruptions)**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I am not permitting him. Please do not record anything. That is being said without my permission. He is getting up without my permission.

(Interruptions)**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You must put a stop to it. Please. Do not record anything. Mr. Narayan Choubey. You request your colleague. He also belongs to the opposition. Yes, Mr. Narayan Choubey, please.

AN HON. MEMBER: You also belong to the Opposition.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) ALLEGED UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS OF RAILWAY HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY (Midnapore): The situation obtaining in the Railway Hospitals and dispensaries throughout the country is far from satisfactory. Rather it is worsening every day. No proper medicines are available in hospitals. Situation is far more worse in Railway Dispensaries. The only medicines available there are the A.P.C. powder and antacid mixtures. It is all due mainly to

non-availability of adequate funds sanctioned to buy medicines. The doctors advise patients to buy medicines from market. But they refuse to give authorised prescription so that workers cannot make any claim for money they spend to buy medicines. A Class officers get proper medicines from the dispensaries and hospitals and if not they do receive proper reimbursement. At present the authorities have even brought down the quota of meat, fish, egg, milk, fruit, etc. to the indoor patients even in Railway T.B. Hospitals. This has told hard on the health of the patients. There is shortage of staff like physicians, surgeons, specialists, nurses, wardboys, pharmacists, ambulances in all big and small hospitals. One of the biggest hospitals on the Indian Railways at Kharagpur on the S. F. Rly. has no orthopaedic surgeon at present where, the biggest Railway workshop on the S.E. Rly. is situated at Kharagpur. In fact, the situation in the Railway hospitals in India is worsening day by day. The authorities should immediately come forward to set things right, should appoint sufficient staff and should put an end to the unsatisfactory conditions obtaining in the medical department of the Railways.

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(ii) DEMAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVER-BRIDGE AT CUTTACK RAILWAY STATION

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack): The population of Cuttack, the premier city of Orissa, has increased to about 3-1/2 lakhs from a mere fifty thousand in the forties. The old level crossing situated to the south of Cuttack Railway Station is entirely inadequate to meet the tremendous increase of vehicular traffic. To ease the traffic and to remove unnecessary hardship to pedestrians, the State Chief Engineer had sent a proposal to South-Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Calcutta, for construction of a over-bridge at an estimated cost