

locality and the neighbouring towns and villages have to face enormous troubles for want of railway transport. The existing Bankura Damodar River Railway ceased to function on the pretext of monetary loss and similar other pretexts.

Under the circumstances stated above, I earnestly request you to look into the matter personally and take necessary action so that the only important railway may run as a better railway under broad gauge connecting Tarakeswar broad gauge line.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Sir, may I make a humble request? I know the Ministers cannot respond. They are not here either. Even those who are here, they are not paying any attention. Therefore, I am only requesting that let the Members be informed subsequently as to what action is taken on these matters which you think seem important enough to be allowed to be raised in the House. *(Interruptions)* Even now, they are not listening.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA (Janjgir): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Korba under Vilaspur district in Madhya Pradesh has developed into a big industrial centre. There are 10 coal mines, around the city. Besides, an aluminium factory a National Thermal Power station, Madhya Pradesh power generation station and office of the Hasdo Major Irrigation

project are also located there.. *(Interruptions)*...

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: May I ask the Ministers to sit dispersed so that they are not involved in talking with each other?

[*Translation*]

A number of industries of the Central and State levels have been established and there is likelihood of many more being set up there in future.

At present, the population of the above city has gone more than one lakh. Businessmen, Industrialists, officials, workers and people from all parts of the country live there.

5 superfast trains, which cover a long distance start from Vilaspur, the district headquarters. The people of Korba city are continuously demanding to originate one of the above trains from Korba and an agitation may take place there on this issue. Their demand is very just and the Ministry of Railways should take some decision by seriously considering the issue.

The following trains originate from vilaspur:-

1. 8238 - 8237 Amritsar-Chhatisgarh Express
2. 2826 - 2825 Bhopal - Vilaspur Superfast (Mahanadi) Express
3. 7058 - 7059 Vilaspur - Kochin train
4. 8235 - 8236 Vilaspur Bhopal Passenger Express
5. 8233 - 8234 Vilaspur - Indore Narmada Passenger/Express.

I would request the Ministry of Railways to consider it seriously and accept the demand of introducing one of the above trains from Korba.

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram): Mr. Speaker, Sir, after independence, the power generation capacity of our country registered a rise to 64,500 megawatts from