

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): Sir, with your permission I rise to announce that Government Business in the House for the week commencing 6th March, 1961 will consist of:

- (1) Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
- (2) Discussion and voting of:
Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 1960-61.
Demands for Grants (Railways) for 1961-62.
- (3) Discussion on the Resolution approving the Proclamation issued by the President assuming to himself all the functions of the Government of Orissa.
- (4) Consideration and passing of:
The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 1961.
The Railway Passenger Fares (Repeal) Bill, 1961.
- (5) General Discussion on General Budget for 1961-62 on 9th March onwards.

RAILWAY BUDGET—GENERAL
DISCUSSION—(contd.)

Mr. Speaker: The House will now proceed with the General Discussion of the Railway Budget. Shri Manay was on his legs the other day and he may continue his speech.

Shri Manay (Bombay City Central—Reserved—Sch. Castes): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the other day I was trying to draw the attention of the House to the demand of the people of Nipani for a railway line between Nipani and Raibaug. I have already said that Nipani is a commercial centre and the business conducted there is such that it is able to get foreign exchange for the country. I have already showed that it is a justifiable demand.

One more thing. The predecessor of the present Railway Minister had been to Nipani some time ago and he had promised the people of Nipani that he would be pleased to consider their demand and see that the railway line between Nipani and Raibaug is granted in the Third Five Year Plan.

12.30 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

I am not able to remember the exact words of his promise but the promise was there. I just want to ask our hon. Railway Minister whether he is agreeable to keep the promise given by his predecessor to the people of Nipani or he is not in a position to keep up to that promise.

One more point. It is about the coaches on the Frontier Mail running between Bombay and Amritsar. We are running the Swiss made schileran coaches which were converted from second class to first class. There have been many complaints about these coaches. I remember a recent incident when on 10th February a number of hon. Members of Parliament travelled from Bombay to New Delhi by the Frontier Mail in these coaches; they were not in a position to sit comfortably, not to speak about the sleeping accommodation.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Something wrong with the M.P.s. or with the compartment?

Shri Manay: With the compartment. I am bringing this to your notice and to the notice of the hon. Minister through you not only because the M.P.s. were not comfortable in these coaches but the general public also made complaints about these coaches and the Railway Board have accepted the demand to withdraw these coaches. But I am told that the Board is finding certain difficulties to replace them; but these difficulties are creating more difficulties for the staff at the reservation office in Bombay; they are the people who allot