

13.08 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

- (II) **Need for Expedition Conversion from metre Gauge to broad Gauge of Railway line between Aurangabad-Parbhani to Parli**

SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE (Jalna): The work of conversion from metre-gauge to broad gauge for Manmad-Aurangabad-Parbhani to Parli line was taken into hand but the line has been completed only from Manmad to Aurangabad. The line from Aurangabad-Jalna Parbhani to Parli has been left and put into third phase.

However, the conversion work of Parbhani-Mudkh to Adilabad taken in hand as second phase which is not at all connected with the first phase. Because of the deletion of the work from Aurangabad-Parbhani to Parli, the people from that area unhappy and restless. So, the conversion from Metre-gauge to Broad-gauge of Aurangabad-Parbhani to Parli line should be taken in hand immediately on priority basis.

- (III) **Need to Connect Bharuch, Gujarat by Vayudoot Service**

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHUMUKH (Bharuch): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards an important matter under Rule 377.

Bharuch is a very important centre of Gujarat. It has many big industries such as Narmada Fertilizer Factory, Petrochemicals, Narmada Scooter Factory and sugar mills. It boasts of having Asia's biggest industrial estate, rich deposits of Petrol and natural gas and the Narmada Dam. Many people including foreigners visit this area but there is no Vayudoot service to this place. This is an obstacle to the commercial activities in Bharuch district. There is an old aer-

odrome located in an area of 150 acres of land in the Rajpipla city in Bharuch district. I request the Government to introduce a weekly Vayudoot service for connecting Gujarat by utilizing this aerodrome

- (IV) **Need to ensure steady supply of yarn at reasonable prices to save powerloom industry in the country particularly in Maharashtra**

[English]

SHRI RAM KAPSE (Thane): The power loom industry has to depend upon the open market for its yarn procurement. Before the presentation of Budget i.e. in the month of June and July, 1991, the price of yarn has been increased by 22 per cent. The steep rise in the price of yarn and due to non-availability of yarn, the power loom industry has been adversely affected. In Ichakararyi of Sangli District in Maharashtra State, the production is being restricted to one shift of 12 hours only. If the situation is not controlled the industry faces an imminent danger of closure. Government is, therefore, requested to take suitable measures to ensure the steady supply of yarn at reasonable prices.

- (V) **Need to Run Another Express train between Haldibari and Sealdah**

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): Sir, I beg to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that it is a long standing demand of the people of the North Bengal for a fast /express train from Haldibari to Sealdah. It is a very old and important route. Jalpaiguri, Siliguri are very important business centres. People have often to come to Calcutta. The number of passengers is increasing day by day. At present, only one express train, Darjeeling Mail, runs between New Jalpaiguri to Sealdah. It fails to accommodate all the passengers. I have come to know that infrastructure of Haldibari Station has already been increased. I request the Government to take steps to run another