

(xiii) **Need to lay Railway Line Between Parwanu and Darlaghat Via Kunihar in Himachal Pradesh.**

[Translation]

COL. (RETD.) DR. DHANI RAM SHANDIL (Shimla):
Sir, it is well known that the largest cement plant in Asia has been established by M/s Gujarat Ambuja at Darlaghat, distt. Solan in Himachal Pradesh. Since Dalaraghat is not connected with any railway line, Kalinker is transported to Nalagarh/Ropar by trucks via Shimla Mandi highway. Hundreds of trucks engaged in this job not only cause hinderance in the smooth running of traffic but have become pollution hazard also. State roads and bridges and culverts built on rivers and nallehs are getting badly affected due to the movements of these trucks carrying cement. Several accidents are also taking place.

The laying of Parwanu-Darlaghat will not only ensure the pollution free atmosphere but also provide an easy means of transportation of cement, Kalinkar and other produces of agriculture. Moreover, it will also promote tourism in the State.

Sir, I request the Railway Minister to arrange to conduct the survey of this new railway line between Parwanu and Darlaghat connecting some important places like Baddi, Kunihar, Akri etc.