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Title: Regarding leasing out of Rail Yatri Niwas to Taj Group.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMARAJANAGAR) : Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would like to raise an important issue regarding the leasing out of all the Rail Yatri Niwas to Taj Group. Sir, the Indian Railways have set up Yatri Nivas in Railway Stations, to cater to the needs of common people, but the Indian Railways have leased out these Yatri Nivas to Taj Group for 115 years for a meagre sum of only Rs.55 lakhs per year. It is very unfortunate. The Taj Group is minting more and more money by charging high rates like Star Hotels. I condemn this lease agreement. It is a grave injustice to the people of the country. Therefore I urge

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* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.

upon the Government to withdraw these Yatri Nivas from the Taj Group. The Railway should run themselves these Yatri Nivas. It will certainly help the Railways to earn more revenue.

With these few words I conclude my speech.

MR. CHAIAMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 15th of March 2007, at 11 a.m.

19.37 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Thursday, March 15, 2007/Phalguna 24, 1928 (Saka).

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