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Title: Need to set up Rail Neer Plant in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): The Ministry of Railways announced for setting up of Rail Neer Plant with a capacity of 75,000 bottles per day in Andhra Pradesh in 2015. Announcement was also made to set up plants in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Plants in both Tamil Nadu and Kerala have come up and, I believe, started their production. It is two years since the announcement was made, but so far nothing has been done by IRCTC to set up Rail Neer Plant in Andhra Pradesh.

I wish to bring to the notice of IRCTC that vacant railway land is available in Guntur near Krishna Canal Station which is very close to Vijayawada and the new capital Amaravati. Rail Neer Plant can be set up on this land as it is centrally located and is close to Krishna River from where it can get water and since NH 5 is very close there would not be any problem in transportation. Once plant is set up, it can cater to the needs of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Karnataka. Secondly, the plant will also provide direct and indirect employment opportunities to the local people.

The State Government expressed its willingness to provide necessary support since it will be part of the new capital region of Andhra Pradesh.

In view of the above, I request the hon. Railway Minister to direct IRCTC to immediately take steps and set up the plant at the earliest since the project has already been delayed.

HON. SPEAKER: There will be no Lunch Break today.

...(Interruptions)

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Madam, please allow me....(Interruptions)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप तीन दिनों से रोज बोल रहे हैं, आप बैठ जाइए और श्री कल्याण बनर्जी जी को बोलने दीजिए।

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