

Trichy districts. In the Kutch distinct to the State of Gujarat they are called 'Vagarles' or 'Vagrivals'. Their language is called vagriboli. Their population in the State of Tamil Nadu is estimated at 5 lakhs.

They are socially deprived and economically impoverished. They are illiterate, half naked and semi starved. They live under roadside trees, under bridges and on pavements. They are alienated from modern civilisation.

This class of people is classified as depressed backward class. The same class of people who live in the Kutch distinct Gujarat in the name of 'Vagris,' are notified as Scheduled Tribe and listed at items 27 of the list of Scheduled Tribes. The Gujarati word 'vagri' is equivalent to 'Bird' or 'Bird chatters' in English language and Kurvikarans in Tamil language. Hence it is evident that kurvikarans or 'Narikuravas' of Tamil Nadu are of the same class of people called 'vagri' in Gujarat. While Bagris of Gujarat are classified as Scheduled Tribes, why not the 'Vagris' of Tamil Nadu?

Hence, I request the Central Government for classification of Kuruvikarans of Narikuravas of Tamil Nadu as Scheduled Tribes for all purposes. Further, I urge upon the Central government to bring these people into the mainstream of civilization and settled life with human development and dignity.

- (iii) **Need to construct an over-bridge at Shikohabad railway crossing, Uttar Pradesh**

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATYHERIA (Firozabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the railway crossing on the National High Way in Shikohabad Legislative Assembly constituency of Firozabad parliamentary Constituency remains closed for several hours daily. Several trains pass over this railway line. Due to the closure of the gate the traffic is jammed for several hours on this way. Because of this much time of the people of this area and those who are settling to

and for is waste. If a patient who is seriously ill is to be admitted in a hospital, and the railway crossing is closed, the patient will breathe his last without medical care due to the closure of the crossing. Several such incidents have already occurred there and still continue to occur.

So keeping in view the demand of the people of Firozabad constitute I urge the Union Government that an over-bridge should be constructed at Shikohabad to solve this problem.

- (iv) **Need to introduce direct Super Fast Railway Trains from Agra to Allahabad, Varanasi and Bombay.**

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (AGRA) : Sir, Agra is an international tourist Centre. More than 50 lakh tourists from the country and abroad visit Agra to see the heritage of the world, the historical buildings and places. On the one hand there is Taj Mahal, Agra Fort Sikandra, Itma-ud-daula and Fatehpur Sikri, monuments of the Mughal period which form the matchless heritage of love and architecture, on the other hand Bateswar and Runkata have been the places of meditation for the Saints. The Radhawami Sect has also originated from Agra.

It is also an important trade Centre as it is located in a corner of U.P. and is in close proximity to Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Traders from the country and abroad come to Agra in large numbers.

There are no sufficient direct Super Fast trains from Agra to the metropolitan cities like Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and to the religious places like Allahabad, Varanasi and other important cities. At present the Toofan Express, which runs from Delhi to Allahabad via Agra is also not convenient. Due to this the tourists and other passengers traveling on this route are facing great inconvenience. Same is the case with the passenger train from Delhi to Bombay via Agra.

So I demand from the Union