

matter afterwards. Be seated please, I will tell you later on.

...(Interruptions)...

SHRI NATHU SINGH (Dausa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given the Privilege Motion. ...(Interruptions) ...

MR. SPEAKER: I will not listen.

...(Interruptions) ...

16.35 hrs.

#### MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: The House shall now take up matters under Rule 377. Shri C.P. Mudala Giriappa—not present. Shri Peter Marbaniang.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

#### (I) Need to accord sanctions for Shillong bye-pass on National Highway No. 40

SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG (Shillong): National Highway No. 40 passes through the city of Shillong which is already very congested with vehicular traffic. The highway connects the States of Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram and Assam (cochar Valley). The Government of Meghalaya has submitted to the Central Government plans and estimates to construct the bye-passes of the highway to avoid congestion in Shillong city. However, no sanction has been accorded till date I urge upon the Central Government to accord sanction for the Shillong bye-pass in 1990-91 financial year.

#### (II) Need to restore sleeper coaches in passenger train running between Kottavalasa and Bailadila

SHRI K. PRADHANI (Nowrangpur): There is a railway line from Kottavalasa to Bailadila which runs through Koraput district of Orissa and Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh. There is a mixed train running on this line, with an electric engine, for the last 15 years. As this is the only passenger train on this tract covering large areas many passengers avail of this train mostly for Bhubaneswar and northern India. They, however, find it difficult to get reservation from Waltair either for Bhubaneswar or Delhi as the train terminates at Waltair. There were two sleeper coaches in this train which were attached to East Coast Express to facilitate the passengers to avoid 2nd Class Reservation at Waltair. I do not know the reason why these coaches have been discontinued causing hardship to the passengers travelling to long distances who have to obtain further reservation from Waltair.

I draw the attention of the Hon'ble Railway Minister to restore two combined coaches, 1st Class and 2nd Class Sleepers, one for Bhubaneswar and another for Delhi to be attached to the passenger train running on this railway line by detaching them from passenger train and tag them to East Coast Express and Link Express for Bhubaneswar and Delhi respectively. This will avoid harassment to the long distance passengers travelling to State and Union headquarters respectively.

SHRI NATHU SINGH (Dausa): I have given notice for a Privilege Motion. (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This will not go on record.

(Interruptions)\*\*