

have been possible. I believe, that in order to achieve the best results, there should be even closer relation and purposeful interaction between labour and management. As the head of the vast family of railwaymen, I pledge on their behalf, that we shall march forward with total commitment and dedication towards achieving the corporate goal of meeting the growing traffic needs of the country, at the least cost of the society, while at the same time, maintaining the financial viability of the system.

With these words, Sir, I now commend the Railway Budget for 1990-91 to the House

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned for lunch to meet again at 2.45 p.m.

13.45 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till forty-five minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at forty-nine minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

[MR. THAMBI DURAI *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, let us take up matters under Rule 377.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to promote sale of coffee

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore): The fall in price of Coffee in the international market has adversely affected the coffee growers of all coffee exporting countries, especially of India. Some of the countries have tried to help the growers by removing all levies on coffee. In

India also it is necessary to help the coffee growers not only by suspending all levies but also by attempting to find better markets for them. It is reliably understood that thousands of tonnes of coffee is lying in the godowns for want of a remunerative market.

My constituency of Cannanore, which includes Wynad also contributes considerably to the coffee produce of the country. It is, therefore, requested that all levies on coffee may be suspended at least until the international situation improves. The Government may also kindly render assistance to the coffee growers by exploring the domestic market to promote sale of coffee.

(ii) Need to popularise 'Bag and Mask System' to save new born infants from untimely deaths

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berrampur): Nearly 2,40,000 new born babies die and another same number develop brain damage annually in our country due to lack of oxygen within the first 30 minutes after birth. All of them could be saved if their problem is recognised by trained birth attendants and mid-wives. Every 30 seconds a child dies or gets mentally handicapped due to asphyxiation.

While a measure of success has been achieved in combating visual and orthopaedic handicaps, not many strategies have been developed for combating mental handicaps in the country.

Until now, the traditional birth attendants and mid-wives generally clean the mouth to remove secretions or pat the baby to start the breathing complex. Sometimes mouth to mouth resuscitation is also given, but it could lead to the baby getting infections.

Bag and mask system is a single system under which the mask is tightly fitted on the face of the baby and the bag connected to it is regularly pressed to see that air passed into the child, leading to the expansion of the lungs. This device, costing approx. Rs. 200 only has been found success-