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- (I) **Need for proper maintenance of Trivandrum-Kanyakumari National Highway passing through Tamil Nadu**

[English]

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagercoil): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Tamil Nadu part of the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari National Highway is in a very bad condition. It needs immediate maintenance and improvement. This road which once earned high reputation as the longest cement road in India is now in bad shape. The monsoon rains washed away both the sides of the road which have not been filled up since long. The side walls of the Kuzhithurai river bridge have collapsed from several places. They are causing danger to passenger and vehicle traffic. There are frequent occurrences of accidents. So, I request the Government to take early steps to keep the road in proper condition.

- (II) **Need to Resume Vayudoot Services to Arunachal Pradesh as per earlier Schedule**

SHRI LAETA UMBREY (Arunachal East): Sir, the Vayudoot Services were initially introduced to connect the important towns of North-East States. They were expected to serve as lifeline of this communicationally bottlenecked area. But in contrast, there appears divergence of Vayudoot flights to other parts of the country. Even some well communicated big cities having regular Indian Airlines services enjoy the facilities of Vayudoot services.

In States like Arunachal Pradesh, where there is no Indian Airlines services, a ray of hope was projected when Vayudoot services were introduced to some of its important places in recent years. But unfortunately, for the last one year, the flight position deteriorated to such an extent that in place of three scheduled flights per week only seven flights operated in three months.

Therefore, I earnestly appeal to ensure immediate resumption of Vayudoot services to Arunachal Pradesh as per the schedule.

- (III) **Need to patronise Naturo-Electro-Homoeo Medicos of India and to take steps to promote electropathy system of Medicine in the country**

[Translation]

SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH (Sidhi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of the House, towards the following matter.

The Naturo-Electro Homoeo Medicos of India, in Janakpuri, New Delhi is actively involved in the propagation in the fifth and the latest system of medicine, electropathy. The Electropathy system of medicine is entirely different from the other four conventional systems of medicine viz. Allopathy, Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy. Upon the request of the N.E.H.M. of India, the Ministry of Health had constituted an inquiry committee in April, 1988 and the said committee submitted its report to the Ministry on 24th December, 1990. Under the aegis of the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi, about 62 medical colleges in the country are conducting a three year Diploma course of B.E.M.S. and the future of thousands of students and medical practitioners are linked with the Electropathy system of medicine in this country. I request the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to provide patronage to the N.E.H.M. of India and to make efforts to popularise this system of medicine.

- (IV) **Need to Introduce a direct Express Train from Delhi to Kotdwara and provide other facilities at Kotdwara Railway Station**

[English]

SHRI C.M. NEGI (Garhwal): Since two decades the people of Garhwal Division have been demanding a direct Express Train from Delhi to Kotdwara. On account of huge