

- (d) Arrange marketing facility through NAFED.
- (e) Promotional activities for export may be taken up.
- (f) Set up processing plants in the form of 100 per cent export units with the help of fishermen cooperative societies.
- (g) Appoint a Committee of fishermen from Konkan region of Maharashtra to study the problems of the trade and suggest measures.
- (ii) **Need to Link Ahmednagar Maharashtra by Air Service**

SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL (Ahmednagar): Sir, Ahmednagar is one of the historical industrial and business centres in Maharashtra. It is also one of the very important army centres having a number of defence organisations and cantonment area. 17 sugar mills have been located in Ahmednagar district making it an important sugar trade centre. But it does not have air link. If the Government provided air services to the Ahmednagar city, there will be heavy traffic available for it. I therefore request the Government to provide Ahmednagar city with air services early.

- (iii) **Need for creation of a separate 'Vananchal' State comprising Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana areas of Bihar**

[Translation]

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY (Ranchi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, A separate 'Vananchal' State comprising Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana areas of Bihar should be created. Since there is no adequate transport facility in this Vananchal region till date and there are no adequate arrangements of electricity. The population of Ranchi city is approximately 9 lakh and till now no by-pass has been constructed there. There are no arrangements irrigation as yet, as a result of which the feeling of discontent is increasing

among the people of this area. Due to the shortage of power industrial units are closing down.

Therefore, keeping in view the development and administration of that region, I request the Union Government to create a separate State comprising Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana.

- (iv) **Need for improvement in Rail Service in Eastern Uttar Pradesh**

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD (Salempur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, several important rail projects connected with the developments of Eastern Uttar Pradesh are pending. Several important trains have been cancelled and the present time-table of the trains has been rendered useless for the passengers. Gauge conversion of Chhitauni-Bagaha railway line of Eastern railway is pending for several years. Similarly, even after the gauge conversion of Salempur-Barhaj railway line the old godown of goods at an important industrial city of Purvanchal, Barhaj Bazar station, has been closed instead of reconstructing it. The most convenient train for the passengers of this region Krishak Express, which runs between Varanasi and Lucknow, has been changed to Varanasi-Gorakhpur, as a result of which the passengers of important stations, Mau junction, Belthar road, Salempur junction and Deoria are deprived of direct journey to Lucknow. Similarly, passengers of Bhatni-Chhapra stations are not able to travel directly to Lucknow. Likewise, due to cancellation of Chhapra passenger train the daily commuters of this division are suffering a lot. The new time-table of trains, coming in force from 1st July has been framed arbitrarily without taking into account the convenience and the needs of the passengers. I demand from the Union Government that the construction of pending railway projects of Eastern Uttar Pradesh should be completed immediately. Trains, which are canceled in Lucknow-Varanasi (via Gorakhpur) and Lucknow-Chhapra divisions of Eastern Railway, should be restored and the stoppage of express trains cancelled on important stations should also be restored.