

[English]

SHRI A. CHARLES: All the consumer items to Kerala are being brought from the neighbouring State. As a result, there is a shortage of vegetables. One kilo of potato or onion costs eleven rupees here. It takes more than one week for a lorry load to travel from Bangalore to Trivandrum. For miles and miles there are queues of lorries all along the national highway for diesel. Kerala is experiencing starvation. I learnt that there is only 10% cut of the diesel supply; but Kerala has been very seriously affected by this cut. I would request the Petroleum Ministry to go into it and see that sufficient quota of diesel is allotted to Kerala and the present crisis is avoided.

[Translation]

PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL (Hamirpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government has been unsuccessful in providing security to citizens and employees in the Kashmir Valley. As a result, they had fled to Jammu and other parts of the country. In the same way, the extra departmental employees of the Post and Telegraph Department were also unable to work in the valley and so they have come to Jammu. According to the rules of the Department, the extra departmental employees neither get any allowance nor get any pay for the leave period. At present, their families are starving to death for want of ration. I request the Minister of Communications that those people, who had come to Jammu, should be given employment in the Post and Telegraph Department in Jammu, so that they can get their salary and can provide food to their families..... (Interruptions)

SHRI JANARDAN YADAV (Godda): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there has been an accident between two passenger trains at Merwa Railway Station which comes under the North Eastern railway in Chhapra district in Bihar. Hundreds of people were injured and several were killed. No one from the Railway Ministry has yet visited the site. I would like to urge upon the hon. Railway Minister through

you that he should give a statement in this House.

12.44 hrs.

RE : SHORTAGE OF DIESEL

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is acute shortage of diesel in Uttar Pradesh. Thousands of farmers are standing in queue before the petrol pumps, but are not getting diesel. The new Government has failed in providing diesel to the farmers for irrigation purposes. It has been causing damages to the crops. The farmers of Uttar Pradesh are in great distress due to the acute shortage of diesel. I would like to submit through you that the hon. Petroleum Minister, who is sitting here, should reply as to why there is such shortage of diesel in Uttar Pradesh? I would like to inform that this shortage of diesel is only at the places where the diesel is sold on control rates. In black, the diesel is sold at Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 per litre near the petrol pumps. What is this Government doing? Why is it unable to check the black marketing of diesel on the petrol pumps? Why is it unable to supply diesel? Lakhs of farmers in Uttar Pradesh are in great distress. Necessary action should be taken in this regard..... (Interruptions)

SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY (Alipurduars): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the lives of about three lakh tribals are in danger due to Narmada Project. The Chief Minister of the State is bent upon creating riots between the tribals and the non-tribals there. Immediate steps should be taken to avert such a fateful incident. The tribals are fighting for their land, for their rights. Everywhere the tribals are removed from the tribal areas in the name of development. The contractors and other people in collusion with the police, are committing atrocities on the tribals. The tribals are not being given recognition even in the sched-