

[Sh. Ishwar Chaudhary]

river Falgu so as to check accidents;

Cold drinking water be provided all the platforms at Jahanabad, Newadah and Aurangabad Road stations by installing water coolers there;

A railway line be laid from Rajgir to Ranchi via, Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Sherghati, Chatra, Hazaribagh and Palamau; and

Express trains be introduced from Dhanbad to Gaya and Mughal Sarai.

I would like to request the Central Government to consider the above demands seriously and immediate action be taken in order to avert the ensuing agitation to be started w.e.f. the 3rd July.

- (vii) **Need to set up small and cottage industries in Malihabad, Uttar Pradesh and to provide credit facilities there at low rate of interest**

SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ (Mohanlal Ganj): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through the august House, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards Malihabad in Uttar Pradesh, where large number of weavers reside. Carpets, coarse cloth and chikan embroidery work done by them are very much in demand in the country as well as abroad.

Besides this, combs, buttons, pen, clips and bangles made from bones in Hasanganj Abbas Khara in Uttar Pradesh are also very much in demand in foreign countries. But due to shortage of power and lack of other input, economic condition of the people is not improving.

I, therefore, would like to request the Central Government to set up small and cottage industries at those places and to give loans to these people at low rate, so that economic condition of these people could improve and thousands of unemployed

youths in these areas get employment.

[English]

- (viii) **Need to set up a separate subsidiary coal company for Orissa**

SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI (Deogarh): Sir, Talcher and Ib Valley coalfields emerged in the national scenario about seven to eight decades ago when it was discovered that the largest coking coal resources in Asia are available in these two premier coalfields. Out of the total 3189 sq. kms. coal bearing areas only 5,405 sq. kms. has so far been geographically explored. The development and production of coal resources have also not been paid much attention by the Department of coal so far. In view of the urgent need for development of these coalfields as well as to increase the production, it is very necessary to create a separate coal company in Orissa. But this proposal has been rejected by the Government on the plea that a separate coal company cannot be set up unless the production of coal is raised to 20 million tonnes. The same criterion was not applied when a separate coal company was set up at Singrauli and also in Assam where the production was hardly 10 to 12 million and much below 5 million tonnes respectively. So, the plea is not justified.

[DR. THAMBI DURAI—in the Chair]

11.22 hrs.

With the creation of a separate coal company in the State, about 20,000 additional employment avenues are likely to be generated by 2,000 A.D. Besides, the development of coal resources will be undertaken systematically under the direct supervision of the company.

As such, I demand that a separate subsidiary coal company should be set up in the State exclusively for Orissa forthwith.