

would be in the fitness of things and an apt tribute to the valour, gallantry and sacrifice of the people of the area if a SAINIK SCHOOL is established in Jhunjhunu District. I strongly urge upon the Government for this.

[*Translation*]

**(v) Need to take effective steps to cope with drinking water scarcity problem in several districts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**

SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI (Rewa): The districts of Rewa, Satna and Sidhi in Madhya Pradesh and Banda, Mirzapur and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh are presently facing acute shortage of drinking water. The village wells have dried up. Due to scanty rainfall last summer, the water in the rivers, rivulets and ponds has also dried up. There was only 13 inches of rainfall in Rewa district. Now, lives of lakhs of domestic animals are in danger for want of drinking water. People in large numbers are leaving their villages with their cattle and taking shelter at places 40 to 50 miles away from their native places. Scarcity of water has caused unprecedented crisis for the people. No proper arrangements have been made by the State Government for the supply of drinking water to these places. As the water level has gone down, hand pumps installed in villages are of no use, because the handpumps do not help water come out. I suggest that arrangements for supply of drinking water should be made on a war footing.

**(vi) Need to lay railway line between Lalitpur and Singrauli**

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (Khajuraho): The survey of the Lalitpur-Singrauli railway line was conducted when the Janata Party was in power at the Centre during 1977-80. A few days ago the hon. Minister of Railways had assured that the areas, which are expected to make progress with the laying of railway lines, will be provided with railway lines. The proposed railway line from Lal-

itpur to Singrauli was likely to benefit 6 districts. The districts are-Lalitpur, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Panna, Satna and Sidhi. These districts are backward in all respects. There is no public sector industry in the districts of Tikamgarh and Chhatarpur. There is no industry worth the name in the private sector also. Though, there are abundants mineral resources in the area, the area is backward because there is no railway line. Thousands of labourers from these areas have migrated to Bombay, Delhi, Punjab and Calcutta due to lack of employment opportunities. I therefore, request the hon. Minister of Railways to start the construction work on Lalitpur-Singrauli railway line immediately.

[*English*]

**(vii) Need to give adequate compensation to persons affected due to derailment of Bombay-Dehradun Express near Ratlam**

SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK (Bombay South Central): Five passengers were killed and 22 injured in accident on Bombay Dehradun Express near Ratlam Railway station on 14.3.1990. Though the Railway officials rushed to the accident site to help the relatives of dead and injured, the compensation on the spot in case is not paid fully in proportion to the loss. It would have been appropriate if the immediate interim relief should have been Rs. 10,000 to relative of dead and Rs. 5,000 in injured to most the situation. The Minister of Railways is requested to give adequate compensation without any further delay as per rules.

[*Translation*]

**(viii) Need to provide support price to farmers of Himachal Pradesh for their vegetable and fruit produce**

SHRI K.D.SULTANPURI (Shimla): Mr. Chairman, Sir, while giving a notice under Rule 377, I would like to submit to you that the economy of Himachal Pradesh is dependent on horticulture and production of