

rates or free of cost for the next season, at an extensive level so that the farmer may be able to increase the production of groundnut.

(iv) Need to set up Industries based on Telecommunications in Bihar

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, at present there is not a single major industry based on telecommunications in Bihar. The Government is laying great emphasis on self reliance in the matter of telecommunications and in this regard major telecommunication centres have been set up in most of the States. Such big industries have far reaching effects because with their support, many small industries, attain the capability to develop by themselves. Thus the development of such major industries is essential for creation of employment avenues. Bihar should also be given an appropriate share in the matter of development of telecommunication devices.

As such, I request the Government to set up at least one big industry based on telecommunication (mother industry) in Bihar also during the eight Five Year Plan.

(v) Need for early clearance of pending Freedom Fighter's Pension Cases

[English]

SHRI MANDHATA SINGH (Lucknow): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, about three lakh freedom fighters throughout the country are suffering a great because their pension cases have not yet been cleared by the Union Government. This has created serious resentment amongst the freedom fighters through out the country. In most of the cases, they are receiving the pensions from their respective State Governments but the Home Ministry at the Centre has not yet been able to satisfy itself that they are freedom fighters. The All India Freedom fighters' Association led by Shri Shil Bhadra Yajee is running from Pillar to post in the Secretariat Offices with-

out any concrete result. It is, therefore, urged that the Government should immediately look into the matter and get the pending pension cases cleared without any further delay.

(vi) Need to include construction of Railway Line between Giridih and Ranchi in the Eighth Five Year Plan

[Translation]

SHRI R.L.P. VERMA (Koderma): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir I would like to draw the attention of the Railway Minister, through you, towards the demand for a project regarding the construction of a 294 km long Railway Line between Giridih and Ranchi via Koderma the work on which was started way back in 1977. The Government at that time conducted all kinds of surveys and evaluation of the transport expenditure and upto 1984, 18 lakh rupees were spent and the routes were formulated and pillars erected. This Railway line is of great public importance because it links the most neglected and backward areas of Bihar the three headquarters of Vanachal or Jharkhand.

The Vanachal agitation is demanding for a separate state for eradication of poverty. The different Prime Ministers have been giving assurances to the public regarding construction of railway line during public meetings held at the time of elections. Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana are very rich in minerals. Forty six percent of the country's minerals are found in this area. On account of the lack of concrete means of transport, it is not possible to set up industries in this area. No development is taking place.

As such, regarding the new plans of the new Government, I would urge upon the Government to sanction the amount equal to the estimated cost of Rs. 262.47 crores for the construction of railway line between Giridih and Ranchi in the Eighth Five Year Plan.