

[English]

- (vi) Demand for news telecast in regional languages instead of in Hindi over T.V. in the morning session.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichettipalayam) : The Doordarshan has introduced 'Break-fast T.V.' from February 23, 1987 onwards in which they have introduced the Hindi news Bulletin for ten minutes in the morning. It is suggested that a News Bulletin in the regional languages be telecast instead of the Hindi News on the morning T.V. for the benefit of the people of the non-Hindi speaking States like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal.

- (vii) Demand for books on freedom movement, on life of National Leaders etc. also in Nepali and other Indian languages not included in the Eight Schedule of the constitution.

SHRIMATI D K. BHANDARI (Sikkim) : The Union Government publishes books on various subjects in languages which are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. This work is mostly done by the Publications Division of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. There are books published on the freedom movement, on the life of the national leaders on flora and fauna and on the art and culture of the country. Such books help to inculcate in the minds of the people the feeling of Nationalism and Indianness. Through these books one can peep in to the cultural heritage of the country. Unfortunately, not a single book has been published in other Indian languages which have not found place in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Nepali is one of these unfortunate languages. There is not a single book published by the Publications Division in Nepali and in other such languages even on the freedom movement or on the lives of our great national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawahar Lal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad and Indira Gandhi. Thus a large chunk of the people has been left out from the opportunity to know about our great national heritage. I would, therefore, request the Government that books should also be published in Indian languages other than those mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

- (viii) Need to provide more EMU rakes for Bombay Suburban Railway train.

SHRI S.G. GHOLAP (Thane) : It is a fact that approximately 2.5 million commuters

travel by Western Railway and 2.7 million by Central Railway daily. During the preceding decade, the commuters' traffic had been increasing at the rate of 10% per annum. In the absence of matching capacity having been created for carrying commuters, considerable gap between the demand and capacity has resulted. Consequently, there is very heavy over-crowding on suburban trains, particularly during peak hours. The EMU rakes have a capacity of seating about 900, but more than 3500 commuters travel by these rakes during peak hours.

Therefore, it is requested to the Minister that he should look into the problem and should provide more rakes for Bombay suburban railway trains.

It is further submitted that the only solution for over-crowding of trains is to run 12-car rakes instead of 9-car rakes, and it has actually been started to run on experimental basis only. People of the area are satisfied with the system of 12-car rakes and, therefore, 12-car rakes system should be accepted as permanent one; and for that purpose, more EMU rakes should be provided immediately.

12.21 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1987-88—  
GENERAL DISCUSSION—*CONTD*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now we take up further general discussion on the Budget (Railways) for 1987-88.

There are only two hours left, including the time for Minister's reply, according to the time allotted. If I have to give a chance to every Member who has given his name, your cooperation is needed. So, please focus on the points while making your speech. Otherwise, how can I accommodate everybody? (*Interruptions*) Even by extending the time by one hour, it cannot be done. There are 50 Members in the list. So, please be to the point. If you have something more to say, during your speech on the General Budget you can say that more funds should be allotted to Railways.

Now Shri Anoopchand Shah.