

[Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria]

the attention of the Government through letters and other means to this problem but no proper action has been taken till date. It is, therefore, again requested that Government should immediately take measures to accelerate the speed of the said train for the benefit of the people as well as the area.

(iv) Need to provide more railway facilities at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): Bareilly is a prominent centre of Western Uttar Pradesh and there are many major industrial institutions namely IFFCO fertilizer Industry, Syndicran Chemicals, Chemdhar Allied projects and VIMCO etc. with their head-quarter of Bombay. The Central Government has decided to develop Bareilly as a Counter Magnet city. This is the main marketing centre for Kumaun and Garhwal but there is not convenient rail-service for Bareilly as a result of which the passengers have to face many hardships, so much so that the reservation quota available for different trains at Bareilly Junction Railway station, one of the prominent stations of Northern Railway is very less as compared to those of other districts. I have many time acquainted the Minister of Railways with these problems. I would like to urge upon the Railway Minister, through you to, increase the reservation quoted for all the trains as per the requirement, to start a direct service from Bareilly to Bombay or South India to run an Express Train on Bareilly-Aligarh route and provide other facilities along with the computerised reservation centres. Delhi and Dehradun bound express trains should stop at the magaria Sadat railway station which is a tehsil centre. The unremunerative railway station situated at Shyamganj should be dismantled so as to construct a Vast complex there.

(v) Need to provide financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for undertaking repairs/desisting of Dhamal, Kanchipuram, Uttaramerur and Madhuranthakam

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[English]

(vi) Need to take steps to tackle the drinking water problem in Kerala

PROF. K.V. THOMAS (Ernakulam): Sir, Kerala State is in the grip of acute water shortage. In cities and villages, people have to wait eagerly for the occasional arrival of water tankers. The State Government has requested for immediate financial assistance from the Central Government to meet the drinking water shortage. The drinking water shortage in Kerala has to be tackled on short term as well as on long term basis. On short terms basis, water should be transported to all the places which are in need to drinking water. On long term basis, drinking water distribution system has to be strengthened by providing powerful pumping stations, laying pipe lines and fetching underground water.

(vii) Need to Construct a Studio in Shillong Doordarshan Kendra at the earliest

SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG (Shillong): Sir, the Shillong Doordarshan Kendra