

Kashmir State especially in Jammu region speak Dogri language. Dogri is the language of the Dogras who are well-known fighters, warriors and brave soldiers in the country.

I would like to urge upon the Government to include Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

[*Translation*]

**(iv) Need to extend pension benefits to the armed forces personnel who are removed from service on medical grounds**

**SHRI M.S. PAL (Nainital):** At the time of recruitment of armed forces every soldier under goes a thoroughly medical examination. But if a soldier suffers from an incurable disease after 8 to 9 years of service, he is dismissed from the army by the Medical Board. Such soldiers are not entitled to any pension. In case he dies later, his widow and children suffer a lot.

If a civilian employee dies after putting in one year of service, his dependents are entitled to receive family pension while on the other hand injustice is being done to these soldiers because of pension rules which are in force since the British period.

Now when the Government is rehabilitating the deserters, which is a welcome step, it should also modify the pension rules with a view to providing pensionary benefits to these soldiers/their widows. Besides, military nursing Service should be given the status of military corps.

[*English*]

**(v) Need to electrify railway line between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar**

**SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT (Baroda):** Sir, Gandhinagar is a capital city of Gujarat. The existing railway line between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar is laid purely for serving this city. With the fast develop-

ment of the new capital, the adjoining areas are also being developed. Gujarat Electricity Board's Power Station and IFFCO near Sertha have passenger and goods traffic potential.

There is only one train trip between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar which takes about one and half hour to travel a short distance of 30 kms.

Bombay-Sabarmati section is already electrified. If this electrification is extended upto Gandhinagar, it would bring a number of benefits, e.g.

- (a) Railways would be able to extend two or three long distance passenger trains to terminate and originate from Gandhinagar.
- (b) In due course, additional long distance trains could be introduced to serve Ahmedabad as well as Gandhinagar.
- (c) Commuters between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar would be benefited substantially with the extension of E.M.U. services planned by the Railways between Baroda and Ahmedabad.
- (d) It will help reduce congestion on roads to Gandhinagar and also reduce pollution.
- (e) Full requirements of coal for the expanded power house at Gandhinagar would be met with conveniently by the Railways.

I hope that the Government will take immediate decision in this regard.

[*Translation*]

**(vi) Need to take steps for providing drinking water in Bayana, Rajasthan**

**SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV (Bayana):**