

education of the children of the mill workers, who were studying in different schools and colleges, has been deferred. The situation is becoming serious. There is a general restlessness among the masses. Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Government to make immediate arrangements for reopening this paper mill.

**(vi) Demand for T. V. Relay centres in Akbarpur and Tanda Tehsils of Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh.**

**SHRI R. P. SUMAN (Akbarpur) :** Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, there is a vital contribution of Doordarshan in conveying achievements of the Government to the masses and providing information on agriculture, education, health, science and newly developed techniques to them. The people living in rural areas get information on new techniques and development-oriented plans through Doordarshan. Besides, Doordarshan facilities are being made available in urban and rural areas very rapidly.

A Doordarshan Relay Centre is situated in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh. But its range is only 25 k m. and as a result thereof, only half of the part of this area is benefited by this. Two big Tehsils of this area, Akbarpur and Tanda, comprising of 9 blocks and 12 police stations, have been deprived of this facility. There is a State Spinning Mill in Akbarpur and a 440 M W. Thermal Power Project is situated in Tanda Tehsil. People of both these Tehsils have been deprived of the Doordarshan facilities.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to set up a Doordarshan Relay Centre on priority basis anywhere in these two tehsils or the capacity of the Relay Centre situated in Faizabad may be increased so that the whole area may derive the benefit of Doordarshan programmes.

**[English]**

**(vii) Demand for thorough check-up of cooking gas cylinders before delivery to consumers.**

**SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER (Bangalore South) :** A very serious cooking gas mishap occurred in Tippunagar, Bangalore

city on 5th February, 1988 wherein gas from a leaking cooking gas cylinder caught fire and 10 persons, mostly children, died, and nearly 35 to 40 persons including women and children, are under treatment for serious burn injuries.

Leaking and bursting of gas cylinders are quite common nowadays in the country. It is necessary to have a thorough check of all the LPG cylinders before delivering them to the customer. The gas agency people do not bother about safety measures. The boys carry a number of cylinders on bicycles and handle them negligently without following safety regulations. Therefore, it is necessary to take immediate action to check all the LPG cylinders before giving delivery. Government should issue strict instructions to all gas agencies to follow safety regulations properly.

I also request for relief to the said gas victims from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

**(viii) Full-fledged university status to Jamia Millia Islamia.**

**PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla) :** Sir, Jamia Millia Islamia was established in 1920 in the wake of the Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movement at the initiative of Mahatma Gandhi with the main object of exploring the methods by which education could be made truly responsive to the national goals. Distinguished national leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Mohammad Ali, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Hakim Ajmal Khan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ansari and Dr. Zakir Hussain were its founders and they remained closely associated with this distinguished Institution. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru not only held this Institution in high esteem, but he strived to make it viable in whatever way it could.

It is a matter of great disappointment that the services and sacrifices of the founders of Jamia Millia Islamia are not appreciated in full measure. The role played by the founders of Jamia Millia during the freedom struggle is not hidden from anybody. Jamia Millia Islamia has a rightful claim for recognition as an Insti-

tution of learning equal in status with other universities in the country.

The Committee that was constituted by the University Grants Commission for examining the Jamia Millia's demand for recognition as a full-fledged University has rightly recommended that the Jamia Millia Islamia should be given the status of a full-fledged University.

I would, therefore, urge the Union Minister of Human Resource Development to take immediate steps to grant the status of a full-fledged University to Jamia Millia Islamia. Needless to say that recognition of Jamia Millia Islamia as a full-fledged University will by itself be a tribute to the memory of its founding-fathers and it will also be a step towards strengthening nationalist and secularist traditions.

Thank you.

12.18 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET 1988-89—  
GENERAL DISCUSSION

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The House will now take up the next item—General Discussion on the Budget (Railways) for 1988-89. I want to inform the House that the time allotted for this item is 8 hours. Since most of the Members of this House would be interested to participate in the debate, I request the Members to be very brief in making their speeches. They can make the relevant points....

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You please restrict your Party Members according to the time allotted.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : All the Parties have their own time.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please you stick according to that. Don't demand more time. That is the thing.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Therefore, I request you to restrict your Members according to the time allotted.

Now, Dr D N. Reddy to speak.

SHRI D.N REDDY (Cuddapah) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister for Railways, the other day, took the House by storm by an unprecedented imposts to yield Rs 622 crores and Rs. 358 crores from passenger traffic, and Rs. 264 crores from freight charges. A steep increase in passenger traffic charges in all classes and in freight rates has been proposed in the budget for the year 1988-89. In sharp contrast to last year's hikeless exercise, this budget proposes an increase of 10% and 6% in both the resources of passenger and freight charges, higher reservation rates and 50 N.P. raise in the cost of even platform tickets. The announcement of fare increase by the hon. Minister came, somewhat, as an anti-climax after the House had been provided with glowing tributes to the Department's performance during the current year. The Government has been insensitive increasing the railway passenger fares and freight rates...

SHRI H.A DORA (Srikakulam) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, his name is Dr. D N. Reddy. But in the Television, it is shown as "B N. Reddy". Another Member by name of Shri B. N. Reddy is there in the C.P I. (M) Party.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : That will be corrected. Don't worry.

SHRI D. N. REDDY : May I intervene? It has been committed so many times. I have written a personal letter to the Secretary-General about that and I hope it will be corrected. (Interruptions). The same mistake is being repeated often and often.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : That will be corrected. I have already told you about it. Don't worry.