

languages are being relayed only by the Radio Stations situated in that particular State and people staying at Delhi do not get the opportunity to listen to the news in their languages. Thus, many persons who are interested in knowing what is happening around the world every day do not get opportunity to know as they cannot get news in regional languages from All India Radio.

Hence, I request the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to direct the All India Radio to relay news bulletins in the regional languages at least morning and evening from Delhi Station of All India Radio.

[Translation]

(vi) Sea erosion in South Canara District (Karnataka) and need for construction of a sea wall on entire Sea Coast.

*DR. V. VENKATESH (Kolar) : South Canara district in Karnataka State has a sea coast of more than 130 kilometres. During monsoon due to sea erosion the people living in the coastal area lose their huts and other small belongings and become paupers. The State Government has sanctioned money to construct sea wall to contain sea erosion. The work has already begun, but the amount sanctioned is insufficient. In some places of this coastal area where the sea erosion is more serious in spite of the wall, the destruction of the properties is continuing. Recently, Kodi of Kundapura Taluk, Tidiyur, Uddavara, Kapu, Muluru of Udipi Taluk have been affected by the sea erosion repeatedly. The people living in the above mentioned places of the coastal area have lost their homes and hearths.

The only remedy for this is the construction of sea wall all along the sea coast of South Canara district. But for such huge project the financial assistance of the Central Government is very essential. Therefore, I urge the hon. Minister for Rural Development to take necessary steps for the construction of sea wall on the entire sea coast to stand against sea erosion.

[English]

(vii) Pollution in Delhi particularly in Chandni Chowk and need to suggest ways and means to solve the problem.

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk) : Delhi is the capital of India. Chandni Chowk is the heart of Delhi. However, with the economic and technological achievements over the last generation which have undoubtedly brought immense and worthwhile benefits to lakhs of people, this Heart of Delhi. Chandni Chowk has become a major victim of the environmental pollution. Protection of environment which has become rather a global issue, needs immediate safeguards for the Chandni Chowk area.

With the increasing population influx the various kinds of pollution of air, water, land, noise, radiation and odour are increasing in the area day by day. Needless to say, the increasing urbanisation effect, in general of Delhi, has in fact fallen heavily on this area. Traffic jams, irregularity in water supply, increasing noise, radiation and odour, all have brought untold miseries to the people of this area.

Even though there are constitutional provisions and several enactments on the subject of checking pollution, it is suggested that immediately an expert body should be appointed to give succour to the residents of this ancient area. It has been repeatedly stressed that development and environment preservation should go hand in hand. The Parliamentary Environmental Forum needs to be revamped to take up the task of saving Chandni Chowk from the Ghost of Pollution.

13.12 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET 1985-86

GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up Discussion on Railway Budget.