

[Shri Jagdish Awasthi]

observed by organising meetings of officers and experts and *status-quo* is being maintained. This issue assumed so much importance for the people of Kanpur that they came out in thousands and themselves started digging the canal from the 15th of January, leaving aside their political, religious or caste differences by offering their labour. They are doing it with full dedication and they are getting cooperation of people of neighbouring districts also. I therefore, request the Government with full emphasis under my command to take concrete steps to solve this problem of public importance without any further delay or wasting time in holding meetings so that drinking water problem of Kanpur city could be solved for ever.

[English]

(iii) Need for formation of a Separate suburban railway zone for Bombay

SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH (Bombay North) : I would like to draw the attention of Railway Minister towards the long pending demand of suburban commuters of Bombay. Looking towards the grave situation of suburban Railway Section of Bombay and the grievances of suburban commuters, there is no alternative but to separate Railway zone of suburban section of Bombay.

As the concept of cost sharing is adopted by Railway Authorities, State Government of Maharashtra may not be in a position to share cost for construction of flyover bridges and other facilities for suburban commuters of Bombay.

In fact, suburban section of Bombay is making profit but because of faulty accounting system of Western railway, it is being shown in loss.

To solve the problems of suburban commuters, to provide more facilities to them and to minimise overcrowding of trains, the formation of a separate suburban railway zone of Bombay is quite necessary.

I earnestly request Minister of Railways to consider the demand of commuters of

Bombay for the formation of separate railway zone.

(iv) Need to link Bhubaneswar (Orissa) with Dallas (USA) via Satellite

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : The then Electronics Commissioner Dr. M. S. Sanjeevi Rao) while visiting Bhubaneswar in May, 1985 had announced that Bhubaneswar would be a software city. The matter was taken up with the present Chairman, Electronics Commission during his visit to Bhubaneswar on 16-9-1987. Following the same, the Department of Electronics had announced that Bhubaneswar and Dallas in USA would be linked up through satellite.

The total cost of the project would be about ten million dollars and it would essentially involve setting up an Earth Station at Dallas and another at Bhubaneswar with an investment of about 3 billion dollars each at both the places.

It is learnt that the Department of Electronics is linking up Massachusetts in USA with Pune and the expenditure at the Indian end is being borne by the Central Government. Government of Orissa requested on 31-12-1987 the Department of Electronics to make similar arrangement for the Earth Station at Bhubaneswar and at least 50% of the proposed loan of 3 million dollars may be provided in the shape of an outright grant. It is therefore, urged upon the Government of India to formulate a detailed proposal and send it to the Consul-General of India at San Francisco for being presented to the Authority of the City Hall of Dallas and take expeditious steps for early implementation of the Project at Bhubaneswar.

[Translation]

(v) Need to recognise Electrophathy as a branch of medical science

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI (Khalilabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to make a submission under Rule 377 that millions of people of our country are still deprived of medical facilities despite the sincere efforts made by the Government to provide medical facilities during the