

**MR DEPUTY SPEAKER** *in the Chair*

**MATTER UNDER RULE 377**

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**MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The House shall now take up matters under Rule 377. **Shri Janak Raj Gupta.**

**(i) Demand for T.V. transmitters in certain places in Jammu and Kashmir**

**SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA (Jammu):** The people of Tehsil Suvankot in Poonch, Tehsil Thana Mandi and Darhal in Rajouri District, are facing great difficulty as they cannot watch the Doordarshan programmes on their T.V. sets because of the non-existence of T.V. Transmitters at the above said places. Their T.V. sets have become useless. They can only watch the programmes from Lahore. I would request the Information and Broadcasting Minister to issue order for the installation of T.V. Transmitters at the above named places so that the people can watch the programmes of Doordarshan.

**(ii) Demand for improving the communication and transport facilities from and to Vaishali (Bihar)**

**SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA (Vaishali):** It is well-known that my Constituency, Vaishali, is a historic and pilgrim centre which is visited by pilgrims from many countries. However, it is regrettable that Vaishali is not connected with rail or National Highway with the rest of the country. This has acted as a big constraint in the development of this area. Even from the security point of view as this area touches the northern borders, it is necessary to improve the communications and transport system here. A broad-gauge line from Muzaffarpur to Rexaul and another broad-gauge line to the border of Nepal, are

some of the minimum needs of the area. The National Highway needs to be extended to the area of provide direct road connection to Vaishali from other parts of the country. The broad-gauge lines suggested would also help end the present three day long delay in transhipment of goods from Danapur and Gorakhpur Cantt. The culverts and bridges along the roads upto Nepal border need to be strengthened.

**(iii) Demand for shifting, loading and unloading of Iron ore from the Madras Harbour to some other port**

**SHRIMATI VYJAYANTHIMALA BALI (Madras South):** Sir, more than five lakh people living in Royapuram and other adjoining areas of Madras Harbour have been complaining about the pollution taking place due to handling of iron ores which are exported from Madras Harbour to other countries. Moreover several lakhs of people daily come from various places to the Harbour area to work in various Government Offices and other business establishments. The peculiarity of Madras Harbour is that lakhs of people live in close proximity to the Madras Harbour. The dry winds blowing towards the land carry the pulverised iron ore particles from the huge heaps permanently kept in open space for loading into the cargo ships which are not only inhaled by the people in the locality but the drinking water and the food articles are also contaminated with these particles. this is a great health hazard.

Many Welfare Association and the people living in the locality have, time and again, pointed out this menace and requested the authorities to shift the handling of iron ore to some other nearby harbour. It is, therefore, requested that the Government may immediately consider shifting the loading and unloading activities of iron ore from the Madras Harbour to other ports like the one at Guddaore which is best suited for handling