

of advertisement and newsprint quota should be considered separately.

3. At the time of considering the advertisement rates, the production cost along with circulation should also be taken into consideration.
4. To make the services of the news agencies available to the small language newspapers at lower rates, Government should provide adequate facilities and proper grants to the language news agencies.

[English]

- (ii) Need to initiate necessary measures to stop unauthorised reproduction of books of Indian authors in Bangladesh

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : Though the Indian Copyright Act, with the latest amendments in 1983 and 1984 is in operation, it is reported that a number of books written by Bengali writers in India are being reproduced in Bangladesh without any reference to the writers. In fact, this piracy has become a thing of concern for many of the established and newly-emerging Bengali writers, as well as the publishers of their works.

I request the Minister of Education to promptly initiate necessary measures to stop this piracy; and for that, invite suggestions from the Bengali writers and publishers on the subject.

[Translation]

- (iii) Need to instal a Radio Transmitter in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI (Faizabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the following matter under Rule 377 :

“Ayodhya besides being a place of pilgrimage, is a centre of the Awadhi language. For quite a long time the need for setting a radio station in Ayodhya is being felt in order to promote the use of Awadhi language and to give it its due place and to enable the religious minded persons living in areas adjacent to Ayodhya to listen

to holy *Ramdhun* sung in the temples of Ayodhya. Except in Ayodhya, Radio Stations are functioning at all other religious places like Kashi, Prayag and Mathura.

I request government to take steps to set up a Radio Station in Ayodhya (U.P.)”

[English]

- (iv) Need for a new railway line to link Chamrajnagar Mettupalayam

SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD (Chamarajanagar) : A survey made by the experts to link Chamarajanagar with Mettupalayam indicated that there is plain land in the midst of Billigiri and Nilgiri ranges between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, where tunnels need not be constructed, as there is no ghat section in between. There is also a 200-years old road constructed by Tippu Sultan.

The proposed new railway line between Chamarajanagar and Mettupalayam would link North and South, as an alternative to the only existing route *via* Jalarpet. Now, the traffic—both goods and passenger—has increased 1.66 times than the previous capacity. In the event of national calamities, there is a fear that the movement of passengers, food and other necessary commodities would come to a grinding halt.

By the proposed link, the distance to North from South will be reduced by about 250 Kms. The distance to Bombay and upwards will also be reduced by over 200 Kms. From Coimbatore, the distance between Bangalore *via* Mysore-chamarajanagar-Mettupalayam will be reduced from the present 425 Kms. to just 300 Kms.

The Kerala-Delhi Express between Trivandrum and Delhi can be diverted through Coimbatore, Mettupalayam, Chamarajanagar, Mysore, Bangalore and Guntakal (after conversion to broad gauge) when the proposed railway line comes to reality. Of course, the proposed rail route would also facilitate the tourists, to go to enchanting summer resorts of the South, like Ooty.