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(v) Need to stop all trains at Manikpur Junction

SHRI BHISHMA DEO DUBE (Banda): Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the following matter of urgent importance under Rule 377:

Manikpur junction on the Central Railway is located in my District Banda. This is a very backward district of Uttar Pradesh. Trains going towards East, West, North and south pass through this station. This station is said to be an important gateway to the entire Bundelkhand region. The passengers from Banda and Hamirpur districts and those belonging to the adjacent areas board trains for Madras in the South, Bombay in the West and Calcutta in the East from this station.

But it is a matter of regret that many fast trains do not stop at this station and if some trains do halt there, there is no reservation quota in them from here. Thus, in spite of all the resources being available, people are not able to utilize the railway facilities with the result that their progress is hampered.

Therefore, keeping in view the public interest, it is my request to the Government that all trains passing through Manikpur Junction of the Central Railway should be provided stoppage at this station and arrangements should also be made for providing reservation from this station quota of at least 2 berths in the First Class and 5 berths in the second class in every train.

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(vi) Need to open a Navodaya Vidyalaya at Tiruvuru in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh

SHRIV. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada): In order to provide good quality

modern education to talented children, predominantly from rural areas, the Government has taken decision to establish one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of our country by the year 1989-90. Nearly 189 such schools are yet to be established.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered nearly 25 acres of land with buildings, internal roads, electricity, drinking water and all other infrastructural facilities at Tiruvuru in Krishna district to start Navodaya Vidyalaya. Although two years have passed, no decision has yet been taken in the matter. I urge upon the Government to issue instructions immediately to start the Navodaya Vidyalaya at Tiruvuru which is ideally suited and which can be started with minimum investment as all infrastructure needed is readily available.

(vii) Need to issue a commemorative stamp on Shri Muzaffer Ahmed on his birth centenary

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, this year is the birth centenary year of Shri Muzaffar Ahmed, who was a freedom fighter. Shri Ahmed was the founder member of the Communist Party in the country and fought for the cause of independence and secular values in the body politic of his time. He suffered mostly in the hands of British Imperialists and spent a number of years in jails. At present when the country is facing various types of fundamentalist and communal upsurge and the value based politics is in serious danger, a commemorative stamp, to honour this great upholder of secularism and values in politics, will be the most befitting way of paying tribute to him.

I would, therefore, request the Government to take initiative and ensure issue of a commemorative postage stamp on Shri Muzaffar Ahmed on the occasion of his birth centenary year end on 5th August, 1989.