

in the open market. The shortage for the last several months has affected the nutrition programmes taken up for children under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in Gajapati, Ganjam, Koraput and other southern districts of Orissa.

The Anganwadi centres in the district, which distribute protein foods made of wheat and molasses have not received the supply of molasses and the food prepared without molasses are not eaten by the children. The Anganwadi centres are not able to purchase molasses from the market since prices are exorbitant.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to ensure the supply of molasses to different States and particularly to Orissa adequately to meet the requirement of the Anganwadi centres in order to implement the ICDS programme effectively.

(iv) **Need to extend Railway line from Junagarh to Ambaguda, Orissa**

SHRI K. PRADHANI (Nowrangpur): Sometimes during 1965 a survey was conducted by the Railways to construct a railway line from Lanjigad Road to Ambaguda passing through Kalahandi, Nowrangpur and Koraput district. The DBK Railway line is mainly meant for transportation of iron ore from Bailadela to Visakhapatnam. The other line Koraput to Rayaguda is booked for transportation of Alumina from Damonjodi to Anugul and these lines are not meant for public use to the extent required by this area. The Aluminium plant is going to be expanded very soon and many private sector parties are interested to start subsidiary factories of Aluminium near Nowrangpur where infrastructure like electricity, land and water can be available in large scale. In addition to this Nowrangpur District is the largest sugarcane, maize and jute growing area but the industrialists are not coming forward to start factories here as there is no railway line passing through this area. The Lanjigad-Junagarh railway line which is under implementation, will cover half the distance of Lanjigad Ambaguda line.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Railways to extend the railway line from Junagarh to Ambaguda or Umiri near Jey-pore to connect the DBK line to serve this

vast area predominantly inhabited by tribals to open avenues for their development and also for the development of several industries in this area.

(v) **Need to improve Postal Services at Surat, Gujarat**

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA (Surat): Surat is one of the fast developing cities of the country. It is called the city of silk and diamond. In addition to this, it has now become a big industrial city on account of coming up of big industries at the cost of Rs. 30,000 crores near Surat.

But unfortunately, the postal service of Surat has now-a-days gone from bad to worse. The reason is inadequate staff. Since 1984 the same number of staff is working despite the fact that the postal traffic has become more than double.

Surat has an annual growth rate of more than 10 per cent against 3 per cent of Bombay and 2 per cent of Ahmedabad. The population has shot up from 8 lakhs in 1981 to 21 lakhs in 1993. The postal area has spread to an area of 110 kms. from 55 kms. To cover this, the number of postmen is only 280. It is learnt that the CPMG has written, for sanctioning posts of 300 more postmen and 12 Post Offices and Branch Post Offices for Surat

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to sanction the proposed staff and Posts Offices urgently.

(vi) **Need to set up a Radio Relay Station at Karimganj in Assam**

SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS (Karimganj): There has been a long pending demand that one 'Radio Relay Station' be set up at Karimganj, Assam. The then hon. Minister for Information and Broadcasting gave assurance, but till date nothing is known in this regard. The people of my constituency comprising of Karimganj and Hailakandi districts cannot hear the news bulletins and other National programmes through their radio sets. Every time it is learnt that because of resource constraints the said project could not be taken up, but in the case of broadcasting media, particularly in a border district like Karimganj, resources constraints should not come as hindrance for setting up a radio relay station.