

ensure speedy movement of coal for Southern Thermal Power stations and will also eliminate the national loss on account of idle transportation.

In view of the bright potential of the port and assured Cargo it is required to be upgraded to All-Weather Direct Berthing Port. I, therefore, request the Central Government to take all necessary steps immediately for taking over the Port and allocate required funds for the purpose.

- (vii) **Need to allocate funds for construction of an overbridge at Railway gate crossing No. 1 in Urai of Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh.**

[*Translation*]

SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI (Jalaun): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Jalaun district in Uttar Pradesh has been declared as a backward and under developed district. Small scale industries are being set up on a large scale in the district headquarters, Urai. There are two railway crossing gates on the railway line, which passes through this area. At the time of passing of train through railway crossing gate No. 1, traffic is withheld for 40-45 minutes on the both sides of it. The wholesale foodgrain market of the headquarters Urai in Jalaun district is situated on other side of the railway crossing gate No-1 due to which the farmers, businessmen and the people have to waste a lot of time. The farmers, businessmen and the local people have been demanding for the construction of overbridge on it.

Therefore, my submission to the Central Government is that the approval and grant should be given for the

construction of the overbridge on gate No.1 in Urai.

- (viii) **Need to Start Work on Eklakhi Baraunghat Railway Project in West Bengal**

[*English*]

SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri): I draw the attention of the Government to the fact that a delegation of five members of the Parliament met the Hon. Minister of Railways on 16.12.1994 in connection with diversion of fund scheduled for Eklakhi-Baraunghat Railway project and winding up of its project office at Maldeh. We were categorically assured that there will be no diversion of fund and there is no question of winding up of its office. It has been a long standing demand of the people of North Bengal. People are very much agitated over this issue there.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to take immediate step to start work on the Eklakhi-Barunghat project without any further delay.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned for Lunch till 13.50 hours.

12.52 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fifty Minutes past Thirteen of the clock.

13.57 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fifty Seven Minutes past Thirteen of the Clock.