

[Shri K.G. Shivappa]

Delhi have now proposed to set up an integrated steel plant at Mangalore with a capacity of one million tonnes, which is estimated to be about Rs. 2000 crores. The State Government has decided to provide all necessary support and assistance to this ambitious project.

This steel plant will depend on imported coal, making use of the port facilities at Mangalore. However, the entire iron ore requirement will have to come from Bellary-Hospet area. This would mean movement of around 1.2 million tonnes of iron ore from Bellary-Hospet.

Presently, Mangalore is connected to Bellary-Hospet area by metre-gauge line via Chitradurga and Hassan. Large quantities of iron ore transported from Bellary-Hospet to Mangalore have to be transhipped from broad gauge to metre gauge at Hassan. This would explain the difficulty posed to the Railways as well as to the operation of the steel plant. It is felt that with such constraints an integrated steel plant may not really become viable.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to take immediate steps to convert the Hospet-Hassan-Mangalore line to broad gauge on top priority basis which be a boon to the many large industries proposed at Mangalore.

- (iii) Need to open one Gas Agency each in Syana and Jahangirabad of Bulandshahr district in Uttar Pradesh**

[Translation]

DR. CHATTARPAL SINGH
(Bulandshahr) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there

is Syana tehsil headquarter under my Constituency with a population of more than 40,000. It is a famous trade centre. Jaggery is being sent for different parts of country from here and there are three prominent towns around it. Jahangirabad is another trade centre having a population of 50,000. The people of both the places have to face many difficulties in the absence of a gas agency there and have to fetch gas cylinders from far off places incurring a wastage of both time and money.

Therefore, I urge upon you to kindly issue orders for opening a gas agency each at Syana and Jahangirabad of Bulandshahr district immediately so that the people of the area may get respite from this problem.

- (iv) Need to accord sanction to the proposal for constructing a Bye-Pass to National Highway No. 24 in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh**

[English]

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN
(Amroha) : National Highway No. 24 passes through Moradabad city. This results in congestion, traffic jams and delay to long distance travellers and delivery of goods. Besides it is causing great hardship to the local residents of the city & wastage of precious fuel. Proposal of Bye-pass to the road is pending with Central Government for some time. The said proposal was recommended by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and submitted to the Union Government, the land for the Bye-pass is already acquired by State Government.

I request the Central Government to sanction the proposal and release the