

[Sh. Birbal]

of over billing. The telephone subscribers are of the view that this excess billing is due to technical fault. The telephone subscribers will feel satisfied with the decision of the experts and would pay the bill. The department would also get the payment in time.

**(iii) Need for Conversion of Hospet-Hassan-Mangalore Metre Gauge Rail line into Broad Gauge.**

[English]

SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA (Chitradurga): M/s Jayaprakash Industries Ltd. New Delhi have now proposed to set up an integrated Steel Plant at Mangalore with a capacity of one million tonnes, which is estimated to Rs. 2000 crores. The State Government has decided to provide all necessary support and assistance to this 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 railway 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 amount of 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 hon. Minister of Railways to take immediate steps to convert the Hospet-Hassan-Mangalore metre-gauge rail line into broad gauge on top priority basis which would be a boon to the many large industries proposed to be set up at Mangalore.

**(iv) Need to set up Forest Agro and Mineral based Industries in Raigarh District, Madhya Pradesh**

KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH (Raigarh): Raigarh is an industrially backward district in Madhya Pradesh. Majority of the population in the district is tribal. They do not get employment throughout the year as no major public sector unit has been set up in this district. As it is a drought prone district the farming communities also sit idle most of the year.

On the other hand there have been tremendous scope to set up industries in that district. As the district abounds in mineral resources like coal, iron ore, etc. some mineral and agro-based units can be set up in that district. Land, labour, water raw materials will not pose any problem for establishment of industries in this area. The new industries if set up in the district will go a long way in solving unemployment problem of the locality.

I, therefore, urge the Central Government to formulate plan for the establishment of forest, agro, and mineral based industries in Raigarh district, during 8th Plan period.

**(v) Need to issue letter of Intent for setting up of sugar mills at Nawabganj and Mirganj in Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh.**

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there has been a long standing demand for setting up sugar mills in Nawabganj and Mirganj in Bareilly district. I have also raised this issue under various rules several times in the House. Bareilly is a main sugarcane producing area but only one fourth of the total sugarcane production is being purchased by the sugarcane mills due to which the farmers of this district have been suffering a heavy financial loss. Keeping this fact in view the places which have been finally recommended by the State Government for setting up sugar