

[Prof. Prem Dhuma]

(iii) Need for early completion of kapadwanj- Modas broad gauge railway line in Gujarat.

[English]

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE (Kapadwanj) : The Kapadwanj-Modas broad gauge railway line which is 60.5 kms in length is pending for completion for a long time. The anticipated cost of the project is about Rs. 30 crore out of which about Rs. 7.33 crores have already been spent on building the infrastructure. By prolonging the completion process, the estimates of the plant will go up every year.

This area is backward in Gujarat State and is not linked by rail even after 45 years of independence.

I urge upon the Central Government to take up the work of this railway line and complete it at the earliest.

(iv) Need to hand over railway land used by Burn Standard company, Howrah to West Bengal Government for construction of a link road between Howrah station and Shalimar Complex.

PROF. SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY (Howrah) : In order to take the fully advantage of the second Hooghly Bridge and in view of the fact that the S.E. Railway authorities have decided to run the E.M.U. services from its Shalimar Complex it has become imperative that there should be a link road between Howrah Station and Shalimar Complex. The proposed road, the experts have opined, should be constructed on the banks of the river Hooghly. In order to facilitate the construction of this Grand Fore-shore road it is necessary that the land owned by the Calcutta Port Trust should be handed over to the Government of West Bengal. It may be mentioned that the C.M.D.A. have already included the

proposal in its OPD. I seek the personal attention of the Railway Minister in the matter so that the required land including the one used by the Burn Standard Co, Howrah unit which it has received from the C.P.T. on lease basis is handed over without delay as delay in the matter shall deprive the people of the advantages to be derived from the second bridge as well as the Shalimar Complex.

(v) Need to set up high power transmitters T.V. Stations in Kerala

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) : There is great need to strengthen the T.V. Station in Kerala so as to make it possible to view Malayalam programme throughout Kerala and other parts of the country. The AIR Station at Trivandrum has also to be strengthened and made powerful enough to have short wave broadcast so as to enable Malayalam programmes to be heard in all parts of India and abroad. This will help to give more recognition to Malayalam and to facilitate Keralites all over the world to enrich their culture.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to set up high power transmitters at T.V. Stations in Kerala.

(vi) Need to sanction funds and loans to the blood affected people of Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagercoil) : The cyclonic winds, heavy rains and floods in the rivers on 13.11.1992 have caused much damage including loss of lives and properties in southern districts of Tamil Nadu. In Kanyakumari district, it has caused unprecedented destruction of Tamil Nadu. As many as 25,000 pukka houses have been damaged, as a result 50,000 people have become homeless. Extensive areas of paddy, tapicoa plants, bananas, other a ricultural crops, brick kilns, coir and other industrial establishments have also been damaged. Two lakh people have become unemployed. Large number of bridges,