

fault. Gas connections should be issued to the applicants in the waiting list at Agra on priority basis and a time bound programme be chalked out to clear the waiting list also in other cities of Uttar Pradesh.

**(iv) Need to take steps for early conversion of Rajkot-Verawal metre gauge rail line into broad gauge.**

SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA (Junagarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the main reason for the industrial backwardness of my constituency, Junagarh is the absence of broad gauge rail line. The conversion of Rajkot-Verawal rail line into broad gauge line was to be included in the Seventh Five Year Plan but due to certain reasons it could not be done. Now it has been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan but the conversion work has not yet been started there.

I would like to request the Government to complete the conversion work of this metre gauge line into broad gauge line by the end of this year, otherwise that will cause great resentment among the people of Junagarh and they will resort to an agitation.

**(v) Need to develop Railway system in Orissa.**

[English]

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (Puri): As even before, the people of Orissa continue to be deprived of their due share in the development of the Railways in the region. The Government of Orissa have long been representing the legitimate and pressing demands of people of the State, such as setting up of a separate Railway Zone for Orissa including the creation of a Division at Rourkela, construction of new Railway lines in the State, doubling of Puri-Khurda Road and Cuttack-Paradip line, electrification of lines in Orissa, completion of Telcher-Sambalpur line, conversion of existing narrow gauge line of the State to broad gauge. etc.

Puri which is also a terminal point on the

East Coast and where the people from all over the country and abroad through-out the year, because of its historical and tourist importance is very badly connected with South. In the recent past five pairs of trains have been withdrawn from Orissa, where three pairs are from Puri itself including Puri-Tirupati Express. So, these trains deserve restoration. The budget allocation of the Railways for the year 1993-94 has further indicated, how the State is being neglected time and again.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to include these demands in the Eighth Plan period.

**(vi) Need to ensure that Southern Language Film Songs are played on Vividh Bharathi Programme from AIR, Delhi in evening hours daily.**

DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM (Tiruchengode): Mr. Speaker, Sir, till 31st December, 1992 the Vividh Bharathi Programme of All India Radio, Delhi was broadcasting southern language film songs in the Evening hours daily.

But from 1st January, 1993 this was discontinued and only Hindi film songs are being broadcast during these hours. The reason for the change is not known. I request the Central Government to restore the programmes as existed before for the benefit of people belonging to Southern States living in Delhi.

**(vii) Need to declare residence of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel at Aurazeb Road, New Delhi as a National Museum**

[Translation]

SHRI JANGBIR SINGH (Bhiwani): In order to commemorate the memories of our great leaders and freedom fighters monuments and memoriais have been set up in Delhi. No doubt, their memories are the source of inspiration for coming generations.