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person is found from this area. In the years to come this may turn out to be a matter of great public concern and which may lead to public resentment. Sir, I therefore request the Central Government to establish a Central University at Rourkela in Orissa.

(iv) Need to develop Gopalpur Minor port in Orissa into an All-weather Major port

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur) : The proposal for upgrading Gopalpur Minor Port to an All-Weather Major Port has been pending since long. Apart from the Major Port at Paradip, Gopalpur is the only Minor Port in Orissa coastline.

Due to mass industrialisation programmes, the sea-bound traffic has increased considerably. Moreover, due to establishment of coal-fired Thermal Power Stations in the Southern States, the demand for coastal movement of large quantity of coal has surfaced in the recent past. Many Southern States vigorously search to provide port facilities, for movement of coal. Gopalpur Port is ideally located for meeting the requirement of entire Southern India. This is possible, if freight-handling capacity of the Port is enhanced to 3,000 to 4,000 tonnes per day, from the existing, 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes per day. It is necessary for augmenting the additional fleet capacity, storage space and godown facilities. Since the vast hinterland of the Port consists of backward and tribal areas, the up-gradation of this Port would act as a catalyst, for the economic development of Southern Orissa as a whole. The present Fair-Weather Port with an infrastructure already created, remains idle for six months in a year.

Hence to make the existing Port economically viable, I request the Central Government that the Gopalpur Minor Port be developed into an All-Weather Major Port.

(v) Need for Construction of Separate Bridges for Road and Road Traffic on River Ganga Katchhala in Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla) : Sir, a railway bridge is there on river Ganga at Katchhala, which is situated in between Bareilly-Badman-Mathura road. Metre-gauge trains as well as vehicles pass through this bridge. This bridge is very old and is in bad shape. The experts have declared that it can collapse any time, resulting in loss of property and life. There is single line linking North with West going upto Bombay. It will be totally blocked in such circumstances and essential commodities would not reach there. This is single lane track. So I would request the Union Government that separate bridges for road and rail traffic should be constructed, otherwise, a serious accident can take place any time. It is necessary to take appropriate measures to avoid such accident.

(vi) Need to bring Legislation Banning all Lotteries in the Country

[English]

SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU (Secunderabad) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, there has been a mushroom growth of private lotteries in the country. The laudable philosophy behind Government owned lotteries for the purpose of raising funds to rehabilitate famine and drought hit areas is no more visible. Now it is a scene of commercial victimisation and rampant cheating to deceive the gullible public. The private lotteries have been violating all norms in order to allure the public with affluent gains overnight.

A lottery market in our country will reveal an array of lottery counters exhibiting hundreds of operations with many denominations. There are the monthly, weekly, daily and even hourly draws. This vividly reflects on the faver behind amassing illegal wealth on the party of the lottery operators for what other logical reason is avail-