

this is a contractual obligation. When you buy something, there must be a provision in the contract for some compensation if it is not upto the standard.

SHRIBHOGENDRAJHA: Sir, with your permission I want to ask a question to the Minister. If nothing of the modifications or amendments or whatever we seek here is accepted, will India agree to reject the Draft?

MR. SPEAKER: Do you need an explanation of this kind from the Minister?

SHRIBHOGENDRAJHA: Yes sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Not necessary.

The House stands adjourned to meet again at 3 p.m.

**14.00 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fifteen of the clock.*

**15.07 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at seven minutes past Fifteen of the Clock*

[SHRI SHARAD DIGHE *in the Chair*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Matters under Rule 377. Shri Kalia Perumal.

**MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (i) **Need to correct railway track from Villupuram to Cuddalore to Broad gauge**

[English]

SHRI P.P. KALAPERUMAL

(Cuddalore): Sir, a 1000 mega watt thermal power project in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu has been reviewed and the development plan has been completed. This project would require four million tonnew to five million tonnes of coal or lignite per annum and this has to be brought from Orissa by rail-road to Cuddalore through Madras and Villupuram. The present trach from Madras to Villupuram is already being connected to broad gauge. But trach from Villupuram to Cuddalore is connected to meter gauge and it is now inevitable to connect this tract to broad gauge.

Hence I urge upon the Central Government to connect the track from Villupuram to Cuddalore to broad gauge.

- (ii) **Need to protect Chilka Lake from siting and shrinking.**

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur): The fast decline of marine yield in the Chilka Lake in Orissa has posed a serious problem for a large number of people living in the nearby villages. Spread over about 1,000 Sq,Km, Chilka, the largest brackish water lake in Asia, hasbeen gradually shrinking.

According to an estimate, the total annual yield of marine produce from Chilka was 10,000 metric tonnes in 1980-81. This cam edown to 7,000 metric tonnes in 1984-85. Now in 1992-93. the yield is 2,000 metric tonnes only.

About 50,000 traditional fishermen and more than one lakh other people surrounding 192 villages depend solely on this lake for their livelihood. If the lake goes onshrinking at this rate, the fish catch will gradually decline. Apart from this, the rapid deforestation in the catchment areas of the lake and land grabbing activities around it also are the causes of decline in the marine

yield. The lake has been receiving an estimated 130 lakh tonnes of silt annually. The soil carried away by the rain water to the lake, the Magarmuk channel, the only mouth connecting to the Bay of Bengal, is narrowing everyday with the heavy sand deposits brought by northerly currents. As a result, 1.5 Sq. Km of wet lands are buried every year thus shrinking the spread area and the depth of the lake waters and finally reducing the salinity level.

Unless immediate steps are taken to draw a master plan and desilt the lake, the marine yield will further decline. The people depending on the lake will lose their only source of income in the coming years. As such, I urge the Central Government to allocate fund for some such scheme and protect Chilk lake from silting and shrinking at the earliest.

(iii) **Need to give Central University status to Allahabad University**

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Allahabad University has been playing a leading role in the field of Education for the last 110 years. This University has produced great personalities in India and abroad in the field of politics, education, administration, art, music and literature. At one time the students produced by this University were holding top posts in the country but due to the paucity of resources it is constantly losing its standard. There is sharp decline in its standard of reading-studying and other educational activities which is a matter of great concern. As a result of this decline, youth of North India are lagging behind in playing an important role in various fields. The Central Government can make improvement in this reputed University by taking it in its own hand.

Therefore, I would request the Central Government to give Central University status to Allahabad University to enable it like other Central Universities to play an important role in the field of education.

(iv) **Need for construction of a railway overbridge at Medukkachery in Ottappalam Parliamentary Constituency in Kerala**

[English]

SHRI S. SIVARAMAN (Ottapalam): The people of Trichur and Palakkad districts in Kerala have been demanding for a railway overbridge at Medukkachery in Ottappalam Parliamentary Constituency for quite a number of years. This area is thickly populated and a Medical College Hospital is also situated in this area. Due to high traffic, the railway overbridge is absolutely necessary in the said area. The State Government had already sent this proposal. But the work has not yet begun.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister for Railways to take urgent steps to start the railway overbridge as early as possible.

(v) **Need to constitute a separate Ministry for proper development of coastal areas.**

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT (Rajapur): The coastal areas of this country are most vital to the economic development of the country. However, these areas have not been given due attention.

Even China developed her economic zones in the coastal regions as they are vital links to the outside world for trade. We find all port management inefficient and unplanned, fisheries trade underdeveloped.