

[Sh. Dattatraya Bandaru]

17.54 hrs.

rights. Besides, the other castes, particularly uppercastes must feel that Harijans and Scheduled Castes are an integral part of their society and therefore they are our friends.

But, today, some forces have emerged out to create a rift between these two sections of society. Any conflict must not be abetted between these two sections. I want to bring one more thing to the notice of Mr. Chairman, that dead bodies were brought to Tsundur village on 10 th of the month for burial. But no efforts were made on the part of D.M. and S.P. concerned to bring about unity among the villagers. The entire matter was left to the villagers. Had there been an effort to bring a sense of belongingness among the villagers and had the problems been viewed with an overall out look we would have got control over the problem. Thus, we need to think over the issues with multi-dimensional perspectives.

Today the social exploitation is much more rampant than economic one. They say that they must be treated on equal footing. They say that we need not give them food, clothing or land, but give fair treatment. What they want to say is that they must be treated as equals. Mr.Chairman, Sir, with this I resume my seat.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Many members are desirous of taking part in this debate. Even tomorrow we will have a discussion on it. One way out is that we may extend the time of the House for one Hour and the other is to take up Matters Under Rule 377.

SOME HON MEMBERS: No, do not extend the time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is all right. Now let us take up matters under Rule 377, Shri Ram Krishna.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to provide more railway facilities Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh**

[English]

SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA (Anakapalli): Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is one of the fastest developing industrial cities in India having Eastern Naval Command Headquarters, Port, Shipyard, Steel Plant, Hindustan Zinc Limited, and many other industries. In spite of its strategic importance, Visakhapatnam is being deprived of the better services from Indian Railways.

I would like to remind about long-pending proposals regarding electrification of track from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam, shuttle train between Visakhapatnam and Tuni, merger of Visakhapatnam and North Coastal Andhra (Kurdha Division) of South Eastern Railway with South Central Railway, separate recruitment board at Visakhapatnam, financial aid for renovation of Anakapalli Railway Station (South Central Railway), circular rail system at Visakhapatnam connecting Anakapalli Vizanagaram Bheemunipatnam. Direct trains from Visakhapatnam to Varanasi and Bangalore are to be introduced.

Conversion of narrow-gauge line between Naupada and Gunupur into broad-gauge be considered to develop this backward area.

I hope the Hon. Railway Minister will consider them at the earliest.

- (ii) **Need to repair damaged road between Athani and Potta N.H.**

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PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN (Mukundapuram): Sir, I would like to place before you an important matter of urgent public importance.