

and the management.

4. To constitute second national Labour Commission.
5. To constitute a labour Cell in the Planning Commission

We would like to have immediate decisions from the Government on the following matters:

1. To remove the ceiling fixed under the Bonus Act.
2. To increase the gratuity payment and keep the entire amount free from the tax.
3. To link the wages with the fluctuations in the wholesale price index.
4. To raise the income tax limit upto Rs. 50 thousand
5. To implement national employment policy.
6. Modernisation of the industrial units to eliminate the chances of retrenchment of workers in the industries.

The proposed strike be allowed in both the public and the private sector. I would like to request the Central Government that keeping in view the interest of workers, the assurance given by the Government in Tripartite Committee on 3rd of July, 1992 should be implemented immediately. The other demands of the workers should also be discussed so that the proposed token strike of the workers on 19th of March, 1993 can be averted.

(iii) Need to lay proposed Khamgaon-Jalna Railways line connecting Vidarbha and Marathwada.

[English]

SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE (Jalna): I wish to draw the attention

of the Government to the proposed Khamgaon-Jalna Railway line, connecting idarbha and Marathwada- the most backward regions of the State and the commercial centres of both the regions- which was recommended in 1965. The Ministry of Railways have informed that the survey report received by them indicates that the line is not economically viable.

The Chief Minister has, however, informed the Central Government that though the traffic prospects are inadequate, it will increase considerably during the next six to seven years. Also this Jalna-Khamgaon line will connect the parallel lines from Kachaguda-Manmad and Calcutta-Manmad. Moreover, the report of 1965 is a very old report and now all the infrastructures have been changed in the last twenty-five years. Now the traffic prospects of this line are very good and it deserves for its work to be taken in hand again. So, I earnestly request the Minister of Railways that the above mentioned work of Khamgaon-Jalna Railway line should be taken up immediately.

14.00 hrs.

(iv) Need for early functioning of Akashwani Kendra at Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (Jhansi): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for the last 2 years, the construction of a radio station at Jhansi, the historic city of Uttar Pradesh has been lying complete. It has been fully equipped also. During the last year, the information and Broadcasting Ministry sent me letters three times indicating the date when he would dedicate the radio station to the people. But the Akashwari Kendra has not as yet started functioning.

So, I would like to request the Central Government to immediately specify the exact date of starting the Akashwani Kendra at Jhansi.