

shipping of coal along with the products of Indian Rare Earths Limited, Chatrapur.

I, therefore, request the Government of India for conversion of Gopalpur Port, which is only a minor Port on a long coast-line of about 400 kms. in Orissa on top priority basis.

- (III) **Need to restore proper functioning of telephone services in Thane, Dombivili, Kalyan and Murbad areas in Maharashtra**

SHRI RAM KAPSE (Thane): Sir, after the heavy rains on the 7th June, 1991, the telephones in Thane, Dombivili, Kalyan, Murbad areas, which went out of order have not been restored so far. The new Exchange No. 534 which was introduced has failed to work properly. Original problems of Exchange Nos. 50 and 59 of Thane are also the same, resulting in wrong numbers, busy lines, excessive billing etc. Several complaints were made to the Telephone authorities by the public from the areas. The authorities have not taken any action to rectify the defects. The Telephone Users Association have started agitation to protest against the inaction on the part of Telephone authorities. Government are, therefore, urged to take immediate action to restore these services at the earliest.

- (iv) **Need to lay new rail line to connect Giridih with Koderma, Bihar**

[*Translation*]

SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI (Kodarma): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the rail line proposed to be constructed between Giridih and Kodarma in Bihar. On one hand the Government is introducing new trains and laying new rail lines in many parts of the country while on the other hand it has

neglected Giridih Kodarma where coal and mica mines are located.

As such, I will like to emphasise on the Government the need to immediately lay a rail line from Giridih to Kodarma.

- (v) **Need to convert existing telephone exchanges in West Dinajpur and Malda district of West Bengal into C-DOT Exchanges**

SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE (Raiganj): Sir, Northern part of the State of West Bengal is completely neglected zone since a long time. I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government that Dalkhola, Islampur, Kaliagnj and Gangarampur within the district of West Dinajpur and Chanchole, Harishchandrapur, Samsi, Kaliachak and Manikchak and Malda district in West Bengal are very good commercial centres in North Bengal. In all the above mentioned places the existing CBNM Boards of 200 lines are practically full. These exchanges control so many PCOs and small exchanges also. But there is no STD facility in any of the exchanges.

I urge upon the Government that the existing exchanges mentioned above be converted into C.Dot exchanges immediately on top priority.

- (vi) **Need to extend Bakhtiyarpur-Rajgir railway line up to Bodh Gaya, Bihar**

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda): Government of Japan is providing assistance to connect and develop the various Buddhist religious places with each other. In the Buddhist circuit Nalanda, Rajgir and Bodh Gaya are very important.