

Government have taken a decision to develop it as a counter-magnet city under the National Capital Region. Bareilly is an important industrial town and is undergoing rapid development, but the telephone system in this city is utterly deplorable. There are more than ten thousand telephone subscribers and the exchange functioning there is obsolete and has a very few lines. The demand to install an electronic telephone exchange in Bareilly is being made for the last so many years, and assurances to install the same shortly have been given from time to time by the Department and the Government. Keeping in view the requirement and utility of an Electronic Exchange at Bareilly, I would urge the Hon. Minister of Communication to immediately announce the installation of an electronic telephone exchange at Bareilly during the current year and issue requisite instructions to the concerned Department in this regard.

(v) Need to construct an over-bridge at Hathras Railway Junction

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras) : Sir, Hathras is a business and industrial centre of Uttar Pradesh. The main Delhi-Agra Road which passes through this town is intersected by Lucknow-Bareilly-Jaipur metre

gauge line which results in traffic jam on the road for quite a long time. Similarly, a broad gauge line originating from Hathras intersects the Mathura-Bareilly main road resulting in heavy traffic jam. People and the vehicles have to wait for a long time at these level crossings. This is a national highway and there is a heavy traffic on the road. People have been demanding construction of an overbridge on the metre gauge line and one on the broad gauge line on Hathras junction road for a long time. But nothing has been done so far in this regard.

I, urge upon the Hon. Minister of Railways to construct an overbridge there on this national highway.

(vi) Need to include proposed water reservoir at Kadvan in Bihar under Sone River Modernisation Programme during Eighth Five Year Plan

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram) : Sir, about 23 lakh acres of land in six districts of central Bihar is irrigated through the century old Sone canal system and about one crore people depend on it for their livelihood. But this irrigation system is going to crumble in the absence of proper repair and maintenance. There