

necessary instructions for immediate release of 800 tonnes of copper to the Indo-American Electricals Ltd., Durgapur and save the worker from starvation.

I demand that the Ministers concerned make a statement in the House in this regard.

(iv) NEED TO BAN IMPORT OF COCONUT OIL, COCOA AND COCOA POWDER, NUTMUG, GLOVES AND RUBBER.

SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL (Muvattupuzha) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the import of coconut oil, cocoa and cocoa powder, nutmug, cloves and rubber has affected the economic condition of the Kerala cultivators. Because of the imports of these cash crop to our country, the farmers are struggling to sell their products at a reasonable price. Imported industrial coconut oil is offered for sale in Kerala as edible oil. All these cash crops are long term cultivations. If the farmer is not given an economical price, he will not cultivate these crops. Hence I request the Commerce Minister to ban the import of these crops to our country and protect the interest of the farmers of Kerala State.

(v) PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL COACHES IN SUPER-FAST TRAIN BETWEEN MADURAI AND MADRAS

SHRI CUMBUM N. NAT-RAJAN (Periyakulam) : The running of a Super-fast train, Vaigal, between Madurai and Madras has come as a boon to the travelling public of Tamilnadu. After the Pink City Express, this is the second such train which has been introduced on the Indian Railways running at a maximum permissible speed of about 100 KM per hour. This train is very popular amongst

the people of Tamilnadu and it is understood that the occupation of this train is almost full throughout the year. In fact it is learnt that there is demand for more seats by this train especially from people at Madurai, Dindigul, Tiruchirappalli, Villupuram. This train is now running with eight bogies and covering the distance between Madurai and Madras in about 7 1/2 hours. In view of the extreme popularity of his train and also the demand from the travelling public for further quota it is considered necessary that the present number of bogies by this train should be increased to at least 16. If the speed of the train cannot be maintained with a single engine consequent on the increased number of bogies, the Railway Minister can consider the question of putting on an additional engine, so that 16 bogies can be hauled without sacrificing the speed. Already on the B.G. the Tamilnadu Express, another Superfast train, is running with two engines.

The public of Tamilnadu are also keen to have superfast train similar to Vaigal, leaving Madras in the early morning and returning back to Madras on the same day. As one pair of superfast train is already running between Madurai and Madras, it will not be difficult to introduce another pair in the opposite direction, as only the required number of coaches and engines are to be found to introduce the new services.

In view of the high speed of the train, there is considerable dust getting into the train affecting the comforts of the passengers during the journey. It is, therefore, for consideration if some of the bogies of this train can be made air-conditioned, so that the journey can be made dust-free and comfortable. The design of the seats may also be altered so as to provide reclining chairs to provide more comforts to