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canteen employees has not been extended from 1974 instead of 22-10-80 i.e. the date of judgment of the appeal in Supreme Court?

(vi) NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY SERVICE BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND KHEDBRAHMA AND AHMEDABAD AND UDAIPUR.

SHRI SHANTUBHAI PATEL (Sabarkantha): The Metre Gauge railway trains between Ahmedabad and Khedbrahma and Ahmedabad and Udaipur under Western Railway have put the passengers (reaching stations from 3 to 4 Km) to great hardships making their journey miserable.

The engines are old and obsolete. They go wrong very often putting the passengers stranded on the way.

I have written several times to the General Manager, Western Railway, as well as the Railway Minister. In spite of the assurance given by the Br. Dy. General Manager, Headquarters, Bombay for improvement, there has been no action. The poor passengers have to wait for hours together on the stations and have to reach home very late even at night. I have also issued a telegram to the DS, Western Railway, Rajkot in this matter.

The passengers try to prefer journey either by bus or by other means putting the Railway Department into financial loss. The students, the workers and the daily office-going employees have to suffer a lot. The Railway authorities seem to be careless towards the grievances of the people of the area.

Now, the people have given an ultimatum to agitate from 12th August. The matter has, therefore, become of public importance and that is why I have given this statement under Rule 377 so that the attention of the Hon'ble Railway Minister is drawn to see that all the trains run very punctually

up and down and if necessary the engines are replaced by diesel operated ones.

(vii) NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN GUJARAT.

SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD (Baroda): The Tourism Ministry has selected 25 tourist centres in Gujarat for tourism development. Various places of Gujarat are known for natural beauty and architectural splendour. Gujarat is an ornament of India. The State has famous places of pilgrimage. The well-known poet Navatal hailed Gujarat as more ancient than Rome and Greece. Gujarat has famous places like Dwarka, Somnath, Girnar, Shetrunjaya, Ambaji, Dakor and Modhera. There is need to develop tourist centres in the public and private sectors. I request the Government of India to place more funds at the disposal of the State Government for tourism development. More proposals should be identified, examined and implemented. The Gujaratis have settled in many lands, and, therefore, tourism development can be a big source of foreign exchange. I request the Government of India to pay more attention for development of tourism in Gujarat.

(viii) USE OF HINDI BY DELHI ADMINISTRATION.

SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM (Tiruchendur): The Union Territory of Delhi has been included in Region 'A' along with the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh for the purpose of the progressive use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union—Programme for 1982-83 and instructions have been issued by the Home Ministry to all Ministries/Departments in O. M. No. 1/130'1/3/81-OL(S)(1) dated 15-5-1982. According to this notification, the Offices of the Central Government located in Region 'A' should ensure attainment of 12 specific targets and many sub-targets mentioned in the said notification.