

(iv) NEED FOR RESTORING NEELANCHAL AND SABARMATI EXPRESS SERVICES *via* VARANASI

SHRI ZAINUL BASHER (Ghazipur): As per Railway time table enforced from 1st October 1982, changes have been made in the trains touching Varanasi, Neelanchal Express has been diverted from Varanasi and now running via Mirzapur, Sabarmati Express which was running twice a week between Varanasi and Ahmedabad has been disconnected from Varanasi. The people of Varanasi and the districts around Varanasi are very much agitated over the change of trains.

Varanasi has its own importance in our country. It attracts largest number of tourists from abroad as well as from different parts of the country. It is one of the greatest Hindu Pilgrim Centre. Thousands/devotees of Lord Vishwanath are coming to this place daily from different parts of the country for darshan and for taking bath in the sacred Ganga.

Neelanchal Express was connecting two important pilgrim Centres—Varanasi and Puri. In the same way, Sabarmati Express was connecting Gujarat with Varanasi. The people of Varanasi have their business interest in Gujarat. The famous Banarsi sarees get their yarns from Ahmedabad and Surat. Large number of people from Gujarat are coming to Varanasi daily and so is the case with the people of Varanasi who are going to Gujarat.

The people of Varanasi feel that by changing the pattern of these trains Varanasi has been down-graded in the railway map of India.

I urge upon the Railway Minister to take immediate action at his level for restoring the Neelanchal Express

and the Sabarmati Express to Varanasi.

(v) NEED FOR EXTRA MEDICAL FACILITIES TO SPREAD FAMILY PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS OF TAMIL NADU.

***Shri C. PALANIAPPAN** (Salem): Sir, the common people living in rural areas have not been getting the benefit of family planning methods, without operation, that are available for the people in urban areas. It is necessary for the Government to pay attention to this deficiency in rural areas if population explosion is to be controlled. At the time of delivery, the mothers should be given proper scientific advice in Tamil about family planning. Many mothers suffering from lack of blood go to hospitals for delivery and they are given medicine worth just 10 paise. To get this they spend Rs. 10/- on transport to reach the hospitals. These mothers should be registered by the hospital and given proper medicine. It is the duty of the Family Welfare Department that the mothers undergoing tubectomy operations are given proper medical attention. In Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, the child specialists engaged for family planning unit do not stay there; they go to children's general ward. They should be compelled to stay in the Children's wards where mothers have undergone tubectomy operation. Post-natal care should be given to such children for a month after delivery. In Tamil Nadu in all district hospitals and in all Taluk hospitals, the child specialists should be appointed for the wards of family planning so that the family planning projects meet with success. If the population growth is to be controlled, then family planning through operation methods has to be given national importance and hence, proper and adequate medical attention by the Medical Department to the people.

* The original speech was delivered in Tamil.