

[श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पांडे]

तुरन्त वापस लिया जाये, सन् 1978-79 के आर्थिक वर्ष में 20 प्रतिशत की दर से बोनस दिया जाए तथा श्रमिकों को दस 15 रुपये की राशि सितम्बर, 1979 से एरियर सहित दिया जाये।

(vi) DEMAND FOR DOUBLE RAILWAY LINE FROM KHURDA ROAD TO PURI

SHRI A. C. DAS (Jajpur): There is a strong public demand that there should be double line from Khurda Rd. Railway Station to Puri. The reasons behind the demand are many. Firstly, about 15 passengers and several goods trains run daily to and from Puri and therefore some trains are bound to be detained for pretty long time in the stations causing inconvenience to the passengers. Secondly, because of non-clearance at some stations. Express trains are forced to halt even though these trains were not required to halt in those stations. Therefore, if there would be double line, these difficulties would not be there. Therefore, I request the Railway Minister to take immediate steps in this matter.

(vii) REPORTED ATTACK ON PERSONS BELONGING TO MINORITY COMMUNITY IN MALDA (WEST BENGAL)

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN (Kanpur): At the time when the Lok Sabha was discussing the Censure Motion tabled by Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu, M. P. against the Union Energy Minister, Shri A. B. Ghani Khan Chaudhuri, serious communal violence broke out in the towns of Malda, the Constituency of Shri A. B. Ghani Khan Chaudhuri. I was told telephonically that the workers of a political party burnt down the houses of the persons of the minority community and of Congress (I) workers thereby causing a loss of three human lives and

loss of property worth crores. The State Police authorities did not take any action. The law and order enforcing machinery has been rendered ineffective and a great sense of insecurity prevails. The reported statement of the Chief Minister of West Bengal Government holding Union Energy Minister responsible for this violence has made the situation very serious and tense throughout the State of West Bengal. This is a matter of urgent public importance and hence I request the Home Minister to make a statement in this regard.

(viii) REPORTED SHORTAGE OF BLOOD IN BLOOD BANKS IN DELHI

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER (Durgapur): The news appeared in today's *Times of India* about drought situation of Blood in Delhi. There is no blood in Blood Bank of all India Institute of Medical Sciences, Safdarjang Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and other Hospitals of Delhi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences has stopped admission of heart patients and they have announced that heart operations and other operations will not be possible for want of blood. Similar is the situation in other hospitals. It has been reported that more than 700 patients have died in different Hospitals in Delhi for want of blood. It is a very serious situation. If it happens in the capital city of India, the fate of the other cities can be well imagined. Commercially exploited blood banks are taking advantage of this situation and are selling blood at exorbitant prices. Life of thousands of patients is in peril. It is high time that I urged upon the Health Minister to come forward and make a statement on the floor of the House immediately as large numbers of patients in India are likely to fall prey to the cold clutches of death.