

(ii) The Thermal Power station of Obra Anpara, Shakti Nagar and Hindustan Aluminium Factory of Birlas, Kanodia Chemicals of Kanodia, Rehend Hydel Power Station, Bena and other coal mines are situated in the southern part of Mirzapur. Many people from the above projects visit Delhi and Calcutta from this place.

(iii) Mirzapur is a carpet manufacturing area. Several carpet manufacturers and buyers also come to this area or go from here to other places in the country and abroad.

So, I request the Railway Minister that in larger public interest a stoppage of Vikramashila, Deluxe and Sonbhadra Express trains be made at Mirzapur and quota for reservation of first class, two-tier, three-tier, A.C. two-tier also be provided in sufficient number to facilitate the public at large.

(xii) Shifting of Engine Unit of proposed Ordnance Factory from Medak Avadi

*SHRI P. PENCHALAI AH (Nellore) : Sir, sometime back the Government of India took a decision to set up an ordnance factory at Medak to manufacture modern army vehicles. The A.P. State Government has already taken several steps to acquire the land and to provide several other amenities required for the proposed factory. Thousands of local people have come forward even to forego their valuable assets like land for the establishment of this factory.

But unfortunately, the Government of India has very recently taken a decision to shift the Engine manufacturing unit of the proposed factory to Avadi in Madras. This decision has created a lot of disappointment in the State. It is beyond anybody's imagination why the Government thought of shifting the Engine unit. If the Government is of the view that the engines manufactured at Medak are nearly similar to the ones manufactured at Avadi, then the Avadi unit can be shifted to Medak as better facilities are available there. Moreover, the decision to set up factory at Avadi was taken only in 1983 where-

as the decision to set up the factory at Medak was taken in 1981-82. Also, the outlay was reduced to Rs. 275 crores from Rs. 600 crores. It is a great injustice to the State.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Defence to change the decision of shifting the Engine unit of the proposed factory from Medak to Avadi and take steps necessary for speedy construction of an integrated ordnance factory at Medak.

(xiii) Reconstruction of bridges on National Highway No. 24.

श्री चन्द्रपालसिंह (अमरोहा) : प्रदेश राष्ट्रीय राज मार्ग सं० 24 पर बने गंग नहर के पुल, जो दिल्ली-देहरादून मार्ग को खतौली चीतल पार्क के साथ जोड़ता है, को टूटे हुए महीना हो गया, तभी से यातायात पूर्णतः अस्तव्यस्त है। इस पुल के क्षतिग्रस्त होने से खतौली-मुजफ्फरनगर का रास्ता बन्द हो गया है। इस कारण आवागमन, दूसरे मार्ग जानसठ-मुजफ्फरनगर मार्ग से हो रहा है, जो बहुत छोटा संकीर्ण और टूटा-फूटा है और आवागमन में बहुत कठिनाई हो रही है। साथ ही देहरादून, हरिद्वार, रुड़की आदि जाने के लिए बहुत अधिक समय लग रहा है। उक्त राजमार्ग का निर्माण 1930 में हुआ था जिस पर सरकार की पर्याप्त देखभाल न होने के कारण यह दुर्गति हो रही है। परिवहन की बहुतायत के कारण सदैव खतरा बना हुआ है। कई स्थानों पर यह मार्ग अत्यधिक खराब हो गया है। इस कारण वाहनों को काफी क्षति पहुंच रही है। सबसे बड़ी दुखद स्थिति यह है कि केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा दिये गये धन की राजकीय अधिकारियों ने अनदेखी कर दी है और सड़क की हालत बदतर हो गई है। साथ ही राजकीय वाहनों व दिल्ली परिवहन विभाग की बसों से यात्रा