

अनेकों मेला स्पेशल ट्रेनों चलाता है । परन्तु इस वर्ष केवल 2 या 3 स्पेशल चलाने के बाद स्पेशल ट्रेन सहित अनेक प्रमुख ट्रेनों बन्द कर दी गई हैं जिससे लाखों लोगों को अनेकों कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है । ट्रेनों रद्द हो जाने के कारण सीमित मात्रा में धन लेकर चलने वाले यात्री अधिक व्यय के कारण मात्रा के दर्शन निमित्त या तो अपने सामान को गिरवी रखते हैं या कम मूल्य में बेचने को मजबूर हो रहे हैं । रेलवे सूचना प्लेट पर अनेकों बार तरह-तरह की सूचनाएं अंकित की जाने के कारण हजारों यात्री प्रति दिन परेशान हो रहे हैं ।

### 13.01 घंटे

[SHRI K. RAJAMALLU in the Chair.]

अत्यन्त दुःखद बात यह है कि बसों के मालिक यात्रियों से बड़े गर्व से यह बात कह रहे हैं कि हमने अपने प्रयासों व दबाव से रेल गाड़ियां रुकवा व रद्द करा दी हैं । पूर्णांगिर मेला अभी 1 माह और चलेगा, अतः मैं लोक महत्व के इस अविलम्बनीय प्रश्न पर माननीय रेल मंत्री का ध्यान आकृष्ट करते हुए पूर्णांगिर मेले के लिए गत वर्षों की भांति सुचारू रेल सेवा की मांग करता हूँ ।

(ii) Halt station at Durgachak Railway crossing near Haldia

SHRI MATILAL HASDA (Jhargram): Sir, for a long time the people of Durgachak, a fast growing township adjacent to Haldia have been demanding a halt station near Durgachak level crossing. But the South-Eastern Railway authorities have turned down their proposal on the ground that Durgachak level crossing is only 3 Kms. from their proposed "Silpa Prabesh" halt station.

Sir, several offices of the Central Government and the State Government, commercial banks, large private sector units and statutory bodies are already functioning at Durgachak. The offices at Durgachak employ nearly 4000 persons, and 5000 residential units are located there. All these people will have to spend money and face considerable hardship in coming to Durgachak after getting down at "Silpa Prabesh" halt, 3 kms. away.

Under the circumstances, I urge upon the Government to instruct the Railway either to shift the proposed "Silpa Prabesh" halt to Durgachak level crossing or another halt station at Durgachak level crossing may be sanctioned to fulfil the demands of the local people.

(iii) Utilisation of tail water of Koyana for drinking and irrigation purposes.

SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR (Ratnagiri): Tail water of Koyana is flowing to the Arabian Sea for the last over 14 years. It is reported that the tail water from Koyana thus being wasted is twice in quantity of water which is being consumed in the city of Bombay for all purposes. This water can be utilised for drinking and irrigation purposes. This water flows through Chiplun Taluka in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra where there is acute shortage of water for drinking and irrigation purposes. If this water is properly utilised the problem of drinking water and water for irrigation purposes not only of Ratnagiri district but also of adjoining Raigad district will be solved. The Government of Maharashtra has prepared a scheme for utilisation of this water but the said scheme could not be implemented for want of funds. I, therefore, request that the Government should give serious thought for utilisation of this water which is flowing to sea and prevent waste of national wealth and give adequate funds to State Government for implementing the scheme drawn for utilisation of water.