[Shri Bedabrata Barua]

not consider this project to be at all important. We protested against the meagre allocation in the 1977 budget, but expected the third crucial year to see a minimum investment of Rs. 15 crores. At least 70 per cent of the estimated expenditure should have been spent by the end of the third year. The Railway Minister in his 1978 budget just provided a pittance of Rs. 2.48 crores which means that at the end of the financial year 1978-79 the total expenditure made from the commencement of the project would be just Rs. 6 crores.

At this rate, the project would take more than fifteen years to be completed. We strongly protest against this virtual scuttling of an already sanctioned project by the devious tactic of killing the project by starving it of the necessary funds. With out saying so on paper, the Government has practically backed out of the previous Government's binding commitment to provide a broad-gauge line upto Gauhati as expeditiously as possible.

We feel badly let down by this extraordinary demonstration of callousness towards the needs of two crores of people living in the N.E. region.

The undeveloped economic, commercial and industrial status as well as the endemic high price situation of the N.E. area are very much the outcome of the bottleneck in transport. The absence of a direct broad gauge connection with the vast producing and consuming centres of India has very much contributed to this bottleneck.

I call upon the Railway Minister to immediately rectify this offence and forthwith find at least Rs. 13 crores more for this project in the current year, so that the work could be completed in two years from now.

(ii) REPORTED SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND NURSING STAFF IN DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD T.B. HOSPITAL, DELHI. भी हरिकेश बहाडुर (गोरखपुर) : मान्यवर, धाप की प्रनुमति से नियम 377 के प्रधीन में प्रविजन्मनीय लोक-महत्व के निम्नलिखित विषय का उल्लेख करना चाहता हं —

डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद टी० शि॰ ग्रस्पताल. दिल्ली की स्थिति बहत खराब हो गई है। वहां पर 60 से 80 मरीजों के लिये एक डाक्टर हैं, जिस से एक मरीज को अधिक-से ग्रधिक एक मिनट का समय मिल पाता है बहां पर निसंग स्टाफ की भी बहुत बड़ी कमी है। इतना ही नहीं शाम को तो ।1-12 सौ मरीजों के लिये केवल 2डाक्टर रह जाते हैं। इस अस्पताल के अधिकांश मरीज गरीब परिवारों से ग्राते हैं, जिन के परिवार वाले ग्रस्पताल में भर्ती करने के बाद मरीज से रिक्ता तोड लते हैं। ऐसे अनेक रोगी जपेक्षा ग्रीर निराशा के कारण विक्षिप्त तक हो जाते हैं। पिछले वर्ष 4 रोगियों ने ग्रात्म-हत्यातक कर लीथी। हाल में एक रोगी पागलपन का शिकार हो कर मर गया। ग्रतः इस ग्रस्पताल में डाक्टरों की संख्या बढ़ाना ग्रत्यन्त ग्रावश्यक हैं साथ ही मनोवैज्ञानिक चिकित्सकों की भी ग्रावण्यकता है । इस ग्रस्पताल के कर्मचारियों में लापरवाही ग्रीर भ्रष्टाचार भरा हमा है। ग्रतः वहां कठार प्रशासन की भी ग्रावश्यकता है। मेरा ग्रनरोध हैं कि सरकार इस समस्या पर तत्काल ध्यान दे।

(iii) NEED TO LAY THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT OF SHAH COMMISSION ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshangabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your leave, may I under Rule 377 mention the following matter of urgent public importance, namely the First Interim Report of the Shah Commission and proceed to make a statement thereon:

Sir, it is reported that the Shah Commission has submitted its Second