

well as loss of human lives and property is being caused every year. Uttar Pradesh, some parts of West Bengal and eastern areas of Bihar are mainly affected by it. I once again demand from the Government of India to initiate the construction of those 3 high-level dams after holding talks with Shri Koirala.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Bhogendra Jha.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (Madhubani): Mr. Chairman, Sir, have I been given a chance, because I have insisted or otherwise, please tell me,....(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bhogendra Jha ji, as far as I know, on the basis of whatever experience I have, in Zero hour only such matters as of conflagration, storms or of terrorism are raised. If six trains of your area have been cancelled, you may meet the Minister of Railway. I do not see any proper reasons for raising this issue here. But if you are so crazy, you may speak very gladly.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am not crazy for speaking. I am saying just for maintaining the rule. It is my fifth term in the Lok Sabha but I have never rushed to the Chair for speaking. I was insisting to do away with such practice.

Sir, you say that this is not a serious issue I would like to let the whole House know about its seriousness. In north Bihar especially Mithilanchal is such an area where the rail facilities have always been on a continuous decrease. I do not know whether these facilities have been increased or not in other areas but I am very specific that the rail facilities have definitely decreased in Mithilanchal area. The people of that area have a complaint against the cancellation of 6 pairs of trains one from Samastipur to Nirmali, one from Samastipur to Lokaha Bazar, two from Darbhanga to Narkatiaganj and two from Darbhanga to Jainagar. Due to cancellation of these trains, the people are facing a lot of difficulty. They consider it as a revengeful

action against them, because the Congress lost all the seats in that area. Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you I would like to state that as per my information, the private bus-owners induce the railway officials to close trains so that they may run their own buses in a great profit. This is causing a great financial loss to the country. In such a densely populated area, the sudden cancellation of six pairs of trains is a matter of surprise. In the beginning it was said that this step was being taken in view of the anticipated disturbances due to reservation-stir. But there was neither any such danger nor is it at present. Even then those trains are going to be cancelled permanently. Sir, through you I would like to request the Government of India especially to the Home Ministry that it is not at all proper to cancel the trains in that area where the ruling party is defeated in the elections, because such types of action creates a lot of trouble to the people.

Secondly, it is also not good to Cause losses to the Railway which is a national property in connivance with the private bus owners. Sir, last year when our friend, Shri George Fernandes was the Railway Minister, Rs. 4 crores 9 lakhs no amount has been spent out of the allocated amount for the work between Samastipur and Darbhanga. The Government feels itself some what answerable to this House, it must clarify the reasons as to why it is having an apathetic attitude towards that region of Bihar. It is my request to spend the amount allocated last year for this region and to provide more grants if necessary so that the inconvenience and the difficulties of the people of that area may be reduced.

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Thank you for permitting me to raise a matter of urgent and public importance.

The Government of Orissa has taken a lead in the whole of the country in the field of privatisation of public sector and state trading. The Chief Minister of Orissa has already