

too shall not have another option than to participate in that agitation.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this area is one of the important and fertile areas of Uttar Pradesh. Hence, more facilities should be provided to the people of the area instead of withdrawing whatever little facilities they have got. So, through you it is my request to the hon. Minister of Railways to review his decision and store the halting facility. Sir, through you I would like to say one more thing in this connection that on that railway line there are two railway crossings near Allam 60-70 persons have been killed in accidents during the last 3-4 years while negotiating these two crossings. But manned level crossing have not been so far provided. I have repeatedly requested for provision of manned level crossings there. Besides, the decision to do away with the halt should immediately be withdrawn as people are facing a lot of inconvenience and they would agitate. The problems would also increase.

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Firozabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to a famous pilgrim centre, Bateshwarnath and Lord Mahavir's temple in my constituency. Lord Bateshwarnath's temple is situated between Yamuna and Chambal rivers in Agra district of Uttar Pradesh. Pilgrims from not only within the country but also from foreign countries visit this temple. This is a major tourist centre and the greatest attraction is the animal fair on the occasion of 'Kartik Poonmima' wherein lakhs of cows and oxen are sold. The State Government and the Central Government get lot of revenue out of this function.

Just 3 kms. from Bateshwarnath is Shohripur where the temple of Lord Mahavir is situated. People of Jain Community come in large number from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan and other parts of the country to visit this temple but there are no adequate facilities of roads etc, as a result they have to face lot of difficulties.

Both Bateshwarnath and the temple of Lord Mahavir in Shohripur are major tourist

places. Thousands of pilgrims visit these places. Last time, when I went there on a visit, people of the area drew my attention to both these pilgrimages and requested that financial assistance should be got sanctioned for beautification of these places from the Ministry of Tourism. Therefore, I request you personally to sanction more and more funds for beautification of Bateshwarnath and Lord Mahavir's temple.

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: You are not giving us an opportunity to speak. You told us yesterday and day before yesterday also that you would give us time to speak, but why are you not allowing us? Have we committed a sin?

MR. SPEAKER: You have taken maximum time. I am allowing others. You will not be allowed anytime today.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR (Khandwa): Sir, I want to draw your attention to provide railway facility to Khandwa district ... *(Interruptions)*... I request you to provide a stoppage of Goa Express at Khandwa, Karnataka Express at Bushanpur and Lucknow - Bombay at Harsood so that the people of these places which are predominantly inhabited by Adivasis could be benefited. Providing a stoppage of the Karnataka Express at Burhanpur and Goa Express at Khandwa is essential so that people from these areas could have a direct link to the South. Therefore, I demand that these stoppages should be provided on priority basis.

SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI (Robertsganj): Sir, I want to draw your attention to an important point regarding Sonbhadra and Mirzapur districts which are adjacent to Bihar. The biggest dam in the country i.e. the Rihand dam was inaugurated by Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru in 1963. 30 Years have already passed and every year Rs. 10 lakhs are spent on repairs etc. but infact no work is undertaken. The Hindustan Construction Company had constructed a bridge near the dam. On 5th of