

rains. The ryots with meagre income are the worst affected and so is the case with the weavers. The Central Government should send survey teams to assess the damage to the crops, irrigation tanks, roads and houses. Relief operations should start on a war footing to render help to these people.

The farmers should be given seeds and fertilizers at subsidised prices. They should also be given agricultural loans free of interest. The Government should also help them in getting insurance claims on the basis of village-wise damage instead of the existing basis of region-wise damage, with more than fifty villages or so.

Roads are badly damaged due to heavy rains and floods and also due to the stagnation of water. The Government should come forward with a liberal hand and grant the aid required to the tune of Rs. 300 crores.

In East Godavari, the train services are not satisfactory. Several passenger trains are discontinued recently and express trains which are discontinued during the Border trouble are not introduced again. I request that all these train services should be introduced again. Important stations such as Rajahmundry and Dwarapudi used to have halts for express trains previously. Now they do not enjoy this facility. There is not Emergency Quota reservation in 1st AC and II AC reservations at Rajahmundry which is an important railway station in the South Central Railway. No one bothers to listen to our requests, though we are here to represent the people and ventilate their grievances. The bureaucrats execute things as they wish and not even a single request that I proposed in the Railway Convention Committee, has been acceded to by them. I request the Railway Minister to look into the matter and give a favourable decision.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH (Mirzapur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Mohan Badola is renowned journalist the country. Times of India Group appointed him Resident Editor in Lucknow. He worked successfully... (*Interruptions*)... After about one year of his term a man asked him to sign an affidavit..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Will the industrial matters be discussed here?

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: It is related not to industries but to a renowned journalist of the country... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Is it such an important issue to be discussed here? The Government is not concerned about it, so it cannot be discussed in the House.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It may be a matter of concern but not an issue to be discussed in the House

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to raise a very important issue. The entire House is aware that the doctors who were on strike from the beginning of November, called off their strike when an appeal was made to them by all the political parties. We requested them to withdraw their strike on the assurance of the Health Minister that he would look into their grievances sympathetically. On 28th November, the representatives of various political parties were present at the office of the Health Minister. I had the occasion to be present there and the doctors also came there. They responded to our appeal and withdrew the strike unconditionally only on the basis that the hon. Minister's