

[श्री रामदास भगवत]

की स्थिति खराब हो गई है। इसको ठीक करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को तुरंत कदम उठाना चाहिये।

Request for resumption of Air Services to Dibrugarh

SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN (Assam): Madam, through this Special Mention, I would like to highlight a specific case of utter neglect of the needs of the people of Assam and the North-East by the Centre.

Madam, when the world is moving towards the 21st century and towards the era of high technology, we the people of Assam and the North-East Region are marching towards the medieval times.

Madam, the people of Upper Assam have enjoyed air services from Dibrugarh to Delhi and Guwahati and other places till last year. After the pilots' strike, the axe has been applied on Dibrugarh and, as a result, there is no air service to Dibrugarh at present. The area of Upper Assam is an industrial belt with oil fields at Duliajan and Digboi, the Fertilizer Corporation of India's units at Namrup, the Margharieta tea industry and the plywood and allied industries located therein. These industrial establishments are suffering a lot due to the absence of easy accessibility to the metropolitan cities. And, there is no direct rail service to the North-East since last month, and the plight of the people is easily imaginable. On a question raised in the House in this session, the response of the Government was that due to crew constraints, the flight operation in this sector has become impossible, and that there is no possibility of resumption of the service in the near future. The Civil Aviation Authorities have published a timetable showing that Dibrugarh is being connected with Calcutta four days a week. But practically there is no flight in this sector. Only in the rarest of rare cases am' on a casual basis, some flights are operated up to Dibrugarh. I hereby urge upon the authorities to see that the people of

the North-East are not further alienated and are not made to feel angry and so on and so forth. I hereby ask the Government to resume the flight from Delhi to Dibrugarh without any further delay.

SHRI G.G. SWELL (Meghalaya): I associate myself with the Special Mention.

SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR (Assam): Madam, I associate myself with the views expressed by the hon. Member. Madam, the entire North-East has been cut off from the rest of the world since the last three months. We do not have any rail communication for the last one month. Over and above that, if the air communication is also curtailed, Madam, you know the difficulties that the people will have to face. We from the North East demand that there should be more air services to the North-East.

Killing of shepherds in Kota, Rajasthan

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN (Maharashtra): Madam, hon. Member, Shri Shiv Charan Singh, just now raised an issue which I wanted to raise.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now you don't want to raise it?

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: I want to just highlight one or two points. That is all.

Madam, I associate myself with what he said. And I would like to bring to the notice of the Government one thing.

जो सामूहिक हत्याएं वहां हुई है तो उनके बारे में जांच की जाए। वहां जो लोग इन्जर्ड हुए हैं उनको भी मदद दी जाए। जो मर गये हैं उनको भी मदद दी जाए।

हमारे गृह मंत्री जी वहां गये थे, उस एरिया में, जहां यह कोटा में हुआ। उसके नजदीक गये लेकिन उन्होंने वहां जाकर इन लोगों को सांत्वना देने की उनसे मिलने की कोशिश नहीं की। यह बहुत बुरा हुआ है। वे वहां भी जाते और उनसे मिलते तो बहुत अच्छा होता।