

[Shri V. Narayanasamy]  
elated with the cause of the LTTE  
group, the extremists in Sri Lanka...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: They are  
there for the security of the Tamils in  
Sri Lanka.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I  
demand of this Government to have  
discussions relating to... (*Interrup-*  
*tions*) What is this, Madam? What  
is this running commentary?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Some-  
times you also do it. So you tolerate

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The  
other Tamil groups should also  
be involved for the purpose of settling  
the dispute. Secondly the Chief Min-  
ister of Tamil Nadu who is interested  
in LTTE alone should not be allowed  
to hold talks. That is my main point.  
And the present national Government  
should submit a white paper in the  
situation in Sri Lanka. We are wor-  
ried about the LTTE massacre of the  
Tamils in Sri Lanka.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I  
agree that here in the House are two  
Tamil tigers who really are at log-  
gerheads.

#### ALLOCATION FOR TIME FOR DIS- POSAL OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE  
(SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY):  
Madam Deputy Chairman, as decided  
at an informal meeting of Leaders  
with the Hon'ble Chairman today I  
have to announce that the following  
will be the order of business for today  
and the next two days.

Today 17-12-89. —(a) Discussion  
on the Motion of Thanks on the  
President's Address, after Special  
Mentions, up to 7.30 P. M.;

(b) Statement on Indian Airlines  
—7.30 P. M. to 8.30 P. M. instead of  
6.00 P. M. as listed in today's Order  
Paper.

28-12-89. —(a) Continuation of Dis-  
cussion on the Motion of Thanks on  
the President's Address—12 Noon to  
4.00 P. M.;

(b) Discussion on the Appropria-  
tion (No. 6) Bill relating to Supple-  
mentary Demands—4.00 P. M. to 5.00  
P. M.

(c) Discussion on the Represen-  
tation of the People (Amendment)  
Bill—5.00 P. M. to 6.00 P. M.

(d) Discussion on Bofors—6.00  
P. M. to 7.30 P. M.

29-12-89. —(a) Prime Minister's  
reply and voting on the Motion of  
Thanks on the President's Address—  
12 Noon to 1.30 P. M.

(b) Private Members Resolutions  
—2.30 P. M. to 5.00 P. M.

(c) Short Duration Discussion on  
the Economic Situation—5.00 P. M.  
onwards.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope  
everybody will abide by it. Now let  
us go fast with the rest of Special  
Mentions because we are already late.

#### SPECIAL MENTION—(Contd.)

##### **Demand for conversion of Mirage- Marmugao Railway line from Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge**

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES  
(Goa): Madam Deputy Chairman,  
thank you for permitting me to make  
my Special Mention. Mormugao Har-  
bour in Goa is one of the major sea-  
ports on the western coast, it has  
been recently developed, expanded  
and mechanised by spending crores of  
rupees from the public exchequer. The  
main export from this port has been  
iron ore from Goa to Japan. Of late  
there is a recession in this industry  
in export because Japan has opted to  
import iron ore from Australia and  
Brazil. And as such there is appre-  
hension that this port will face some  
financial crisis. The only way to  
save this port from the financial crisis

is to throw open container system from the hinterland beyond the borders of Goa. The main problem facing this port is the railway line between Miraj and Mormugao Harbour which is a metre gauge. And to have a container system it is very essential that this metre gauge is converted into broad gauge. Moreover, the Konkan railway line will perhaps run from the north to the south and the Miraj-Mormugao line from the east to the west and, as such, it has no connection. I would, therefore, request the Surface Transport Ministry and the Railway Ministry to see that this line is converted into a Broad Gauge line on a top priority basis in order to save this port. Thank you, Madam.

#### **Unsatisfactory telephone services in U. P.**

DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI (Uttar Pradesh); Madam Deputy Chairman, through you I want to draw the attention of the Government to the extremely unsatisfactory and deplorable telephone services at Aligarh, Lucknow and other cities of U. P.

In Aligarh, telephones very often remain dead for several days and despite complaints, repairs are done after at least three or four days only. This has happened with me also. So, what to talk of other subscribers?

In Lucknow, things are still worse. Most of the telephones remain dead and no action is taken on the complaints of subscribers with the result that for more than one week or so, the telephones remain dead. Cases of excessive billing are also on the increase. In my own case, for the period during which my family had gone to Kashmir for about a fortnight and when there was nobody at my residence to phone to anyone, I receive a bill for about two thousand calls

and my letter about this remains unanswered even today. This is another example to show how the telephone authorities attend to the complaints of MPs.

Then, there is no regular supply of up-to-date or the latest editions of telephone directories in English to the subscribers in Lucknow and Aligarh who have to suffer on this account. I have not yet received the latest or the up-to-date edition of the telephone directory of Aligarh in English despite my best efforts. The directory which has been supplied to me is that of December 1986. All these things have been causing a great deal of inconvenience and hardship to the subscribers.

Therefore, with all the emphasis at my command, I would urge upon the Government to take remedial measures for the publication and supply of up-to-date or the latest telephone directories and with regard to the other matters mentioned by me at a very early date. This will go a long way in removing the hardships and harassment suffered by a large majority of telephone subscribers. Thank you.

#### **Demand for more National Highways in Karnataka**

SHRI R. S. NAIK (Karnataka): Madam, I rise to draw the attention of the House through you to an important and long-pending demand of the Karnataka public. Their demand is to declare certain routes in Karnataka State as National Highway.

Madam, Karnataka State is having a total length of 1,968 kms. of National Highway as against the target of 3,892 kms. by the end of 1981 as contemplated in the All India Road Development Plan from 1961 to 1981. As a matter of fact, I feel sorry to raise this issue in this august House. The House may not believe that not a single road has been declared as a National Highway for the last twelve