

per cent quota of reservation has been distributed amongst different sub castes in proportion to their population. This had helped all sub castes under the Scheduled Caste category to get benefits in a uniform and just manner and the post categorisation had led to marked difference in the lives of all sub castes as reservation benefits were evenly dispersed. Recently, on technical grounds, the Supreme Court had struck down the Andhra Pradesh Government's order dividing 59 sub castes of Scheduled Castes into four groups. The Supreme Court had opined that Parliament is the competent authority to categorise Scheduled Castes into sub groups and that State Legislature have no authority in such matter.

In view of Supreme Court observation, I request the Government of India to bring forward a legislation for suitably amending the Constitution for categorising the SC population into four sub groups, viz, A, B, C, & D so that all the sub castes of Scheduled Castes get uniform opportunities under reservation.

Concern over decrease in Water Level and Polluting of Gomati, SAI, Varuna and Tons Rivers in Uttar Pradesh

श्री नन्द किशोर यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति महोदय, मैं अपने इस विशेषा उल्लेख “गोमती, सई, वरूणा एवं टैंस नदी का वजूद खतरे में है” की तरफ केन्द्र सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। हजारों वर्षों से मैदानी क्षेत्र में जीवन का संचार करने वाली एवं उत्तर प्रदेश के एक बड़े भूभाग के लिए वरदान साबित होने वाली अनेक नदियां गोमती, सई, वरूणा एवं टैंस नदी उपेक्षा के कारण अपने स्वरूप को खोती जा रही है। इन नदियों के किनारे उत्तर प्रदेश के अनेक नगर बसे हुए हैं। इन नगरों के कूड़े-कचरे एवं इनके किनारे वनों के कटाव से यह नदियां टापू का रूप धारण कर रही हैं। इन नदियों के उद्गम स्थान से लेकर इनके बड़ी नदी में मिलने के स्थान तक बहुत ही तेजी से इनके पानी का जलस्तर कम हो रहा है। कहीं-कहीं इन नदियों का जल स्तर एक फुट हो गया है। उनका पानी अत्यधिक प्रदूषित हो गया है, जो मानव जीवन और जानवरों के लिये खतरनाक हो गया है। इन नदियों के पानी से पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के हजारों एकड़ फसलों की सिंचाई होती थी, उन नदियों के पटने के कारण किसानों में हताशा हो रही है। इन क्षेत्रों का पर्यावरण संतुलन भी बिगड़ रहा है। इन नदियों के कटाव के कारण हजारों वर्षों पूर्व की इन नदियों का अस्तित्व समाप्त होने के कगार पर है।

महोदय, मैं केन्द्र सरकार का ध्यान इन तरफ दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि केन्द्र सरकार इन नदियों के स्वरूप को बचाने के तुरन्त सार्थक प्रयास करे। धन्यवाद।

श्रीमती जया बच्चन (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, मैं एसोसिएट करता हूँ।

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श्री राम नारायण साहू (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर मैं भी एसोसिएट करता हूँ।

Early Completion of Salem-omalur Bridge in the State of Tamil Nadu

SHRI N.R. GOVINDKRAJAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, in the recent Railway Budget, the hon. Railway Minister announced so many new trains and new schemes for which I sincerely want to thank him and, at the same time, I want to bring to his kind notice the poor progress of works of the already declared projects. One such project is a railway bridge construction at Omalur-Mettur Highway in Salem District, Tamil Nadu. The nearby industrial area at Mettur Dam having many big industries like Southern Iron and Steel Company Limited, Madras Aluminium Company Limited and Chemplast Sanmar Company Limited are using this route for movement of raw material. The construction work on this bridge is going on for the past two years and at the stage of near completion the work was stopped for the past six months. The traffic, which is now re-routed through the rural area, is not safe for the operation on single road, which has already got damaged due to heavy traffic and overloads. Public and industries are facing lot of problems and they are totally dissatisfied with the Central Government. The hon. Railway Minister knew well that our Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has developed the State as one of the best industrial States in the country by giving encouragement to the industrialist. Likewise the Central Government also should take care of the prevailing infrastructure. I request the hon. Railway Minister to kindly issue relevant orders for a speedy completion of Salem-Omalur Railway Bridge in Tamil Nadu as a top priority.

SHRI S. ANBALAGAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with him.

Request for Immediate notification of Andhra Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, with a lot of fanfare and ostentation the Interim Railway Budget for 2004-05 and the Regular Railway Budget presented by the present Railway Minister, on 6th July, 2004, announced for introduction of 18 pairs of Sampark Kranti Express trains between the capital of the country i.e. Delhi to all the 18 State capitals. As