

already in operation. Utmost care and caution must be exercised before considering the application of any foreign company irrespective of its collaboration with any front company or Indian corporate house.

Sir, I urge upon the Government of India to immediately act in the right earnest and save the country's cultural heritage, and also the imminent threat to the security from misuse of the DTH services.

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी (पश्चिमी बंगाल) : सर, मैं अपने आप को इस उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करते हुए कहना चाहती हूँ कि क्वेश्चन ऑवर में भी यह मामला उठा था। देश की सुरक्षा और हमारी सांस्कृतिक धरोहर की सुरक्षा के लिए भी यह जरूरी है।

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the Hon. Member.

Concern over the pathetic conditions of some Railway stations of
Southern Railways

SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, recently, I happen to pass through Railway junctions at Salem, Erode, Thiruppur and Coimbatore of Southern Railway. When I visited the Railway retiring rooms at Salem, Erode, Tiruppur and Coimbatore junctions of Southern Railway, I was surprised to see the pathetic conditions of maintenance of retiring rooms as well as waiting rooms. The furniture therein are very old and worn out; perhaps, bought decades ago, not fit to be used by the travelling public. There are no waiting room and retiring rooms at all for VIPs, and the Station Master room is being shared by the VIPs. I would like to highlight that there should be a separate VIP lounge at each Railway junction with new furniture and bedding befitting the status of the users.

Sir, I further understand that sufficient funds are available and the same should be made use for the above purpose on priority basis. If renovation is required, this should be given proper attention. I further request that the hon. Railway Minister may direct the concerned authorities to take up these works within a stipulated time-frame. It goes without saying that hygienic conditions should be good.

I sincerely hope that hon. Railway Minister would agree with me fully and do the needful at the earliest. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, it is 1 o'clock. We will be continuing with Special Mentions as we have another fifteen Special Mentions to be made. After the completion of all Special Mentions, we will rise for lunch.