

University established in pursuance of article 371E” which is Andhra Pradesh, “any other institution declared by Parliament by law to be an institution of national importance.” So, the only university which you can set up like this university, if you carry a provision in this Bill that this is an institution of national importance. So, the Imphal University and the Jawaharlal Nehru University have all been set up. So, in section 2, you will say that there shall be a university which will have campuses in these places. The next provision if it says it shall be an institution of national importance, then, within Entry 63 of List I, you are entitled to set it up. That one sentence at some stage you should propose in this Bill by way of an official amendment. That is all.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR: I accept it. I will bring it as an official amendment.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): So, that is accepted. The question is:

That the leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a University for the Bundelkhand region for the development of agriculture and for the furtherance of the advancement of learning and prosecution of research in agriculture and allied sciences in this region.

The motion was adopted.

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER--Cont.

Rail accident involving Hampi Express and a stationary goods train at Penneconda in Andhra Pradesh

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): Mr Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am pained to apprise the House regarding an unfortunate incident of rear end collision which occurred today early morning at 0310 hrs at Penukonda station in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh on Dharmavaram-Bangalore single line, non-electrified section of Bangalore Division of South Western Railway. While the goods train No. MNGT/N was stationary at Penukonda station; Train No. 16591 Hubli Bangalore Hampi Express passed the down home signal of Penukonda station at danger and collided with the stationary goods train in the rear. As a result, two coaches of the passenger train (first and third from train engine) derailed and the first derailed coach caught fire. As per available information, 19 passengers of Hampi Express lost their valuable lives, 08 suffered grievous injuries and 27 suffered simple injuries.

[Shri Bharatsinh Solanki]

Medical relief was immediately despatched through Accident Relief Medical Trains (ARME) of Hindupur, Guntakal and Bangalore which reached the site early morning at 0455 hrs, 0555 hrs and 0610 hrs respectively. Injured persons were immediately shifted to the Hindupur Government Hospital, Penukonda Government Hospital and Puttaparti Hospital. Help was also sought from local civil authorities for rescue and relief operations.

As per preliminary information received, the incident occurred due to signal passing at danger by the loco pilot of Hampi Express.

Shri Mukul Roy, Honourable Minister of Railways has already left for the site. He might be reaching in the evening at 5 o'clock.

On humanitarian grounds, an *ex-gratia* of Rs. 5 lakh each to the next of the kin of deceased, Rs. 1 lakh to the grievously injured and Rs. 50,000 to the persons who sustained simple injury has been announced.

On behalf of the Railways and myself, I express deep condolences to the bereaved families and also express sincere sympathies to the injured.

I trust the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, my only request is to give some small employment to any eligible family member of the victims. (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): The hon. Railway Minister has gone to the spot. He will come back and settle it. (*Interruptions*)...

INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE

Plight of Indian Workers in Angola

श्री पुरुषोत्तम खोडाभाई रूपाला (गुजरात): सर, मंत्री जी यहां बैठे हुए हैं। मैंने जब अंगोला का मुद्दा उठाया था, उस वक्त भी उन्होंने यह कहा था कि मैं एम्बेसडर से जानकारी मंगवा रहा हूँ। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि वहां से केवल दो-चार आदमी ही वापस आए हैं और करीब 1200 आदमी वहां पर हैं। सरकार ने जो कदम उठाए हैं, उनके बारे में बताना चाहिए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): Mr. Minister, would you like to say something.