

Need to refurbish and provide necessary passenger amenities at Ketti Railway Station under Nilgiri Mountain Railway

SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, Ketti Railway Station of Nilgiri Mountain Railway is a prestigious station for its natural beauty and location of station. This station was built in 1908 and served the people of Nilgiris as well as the tourists from all over the world in the past 100 years.

The people of Ketti and nearby villages, employees of various Government and private organisations, and school and college students are regularly visiting the station for travelling locally and to book reservation tickets at the reservation office functioning at this station.

Railway Budget contribution to each and every station is not sufficient to carry out all the works to make a station high-class one. Hence, the cooperation from other sources becomes mandatory to give better services to the people.

The following few things are to be done at this station to make it better to serve the people:

Widening of the level-crossing gate (LC Gate No.13/KXT at Km.37/1-2; reservation office remodelling (information boards, flooring, waiting chairs, painting, etc.); interior works and provision of furniture; necessary passenger amenities like dustbins, water purifier, etc.; and gardening at station premises (provision of sapling, fertilizers and equipment). Thank you, Sir.

Urgent need to provide safe drinking water to every household in the country

SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH (Odisha): Sir, by what time will each and every Indian get safe drinking water? The Government of India during the Sixth Five Year Plan prioritised safe drinking water through tubewells to rural India. Contaminated water causes health hazard to the people from rural India to urban India. We normally believe that during the arrival of the Monsoon, the tribal people, who use river water, suffer from diarrhoea and cholera. It is a matter of great concern for all of us and the Government of India. When reports came that the water supply to the Parliament House Complex, the President's Estate and the Prime Minister's residence is being disrupted because it was too polluted to treat for human consumption, it understandably made headlines in the Press in recent days. A recent report by the Union Health Ministry had revealed that drinking water across States contains fluoride above permissible levels. Is it a fact