

surprised and disappointed to see that Marathwada, the deprived region of Maharashtra, has once again been left deprived and ignored. Out of the total Central Budget of Rs.1.10 lakh crore, the South Central Railway got Rs.7,221 crore. Out of that, Marathwada got Rs.175 crore for electrification between Manmad and Mudkhed. Out of 89 projects in India, Maharashtra gets only four. Doubling of lines between Parbhani and Manmad was denied but Guntur-Guntakal got Rs.364 crore; Vijayawada-Gudivada got Rs.1,200 crore; Jalna-Khamgaon is pending for decades; Aurangabad-Chalisgaon is stuck in surveys; Nanded-Latur is approved but no progress; Nanded-Bidar is approved but no provision. Andhra-Telangana Division gets four new railway lines in 2020-21 and three electrification projects are underway, but why is there nothing for Marathwada? Sir, eight new railway projects got fund in South-Central Railway but there is no new project in Marathwada. I earnestly request the Minister to please join Nanded Division to Central Railway to rectify the injustice.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please conclude now.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Sir, a very small issue remains.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please conclude it.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Sir, please extend Jan Shatabdi to Nanded. I have so many issues about Marathwada. So, I request him to please have a meeting with all the Members belonging to Marathwada, including Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, so that we can come and voice our woes because there is no other way in which Marathwada can get justice. Thank you, Sir.

**श्री उपसभापति :** अंतिम स्पीकर को बुलाने से पहले, there is an announcement to make.

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#### RESIGNATION BY MEMBER

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the hon. Chairman has received a letter dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 from Shri Swapan Dasgupta, a Nominated Member, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. The hon. Chairman has accepted his resignation with effect from the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.

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