

Ministry of the Government of India. I request the Railway Ministry to sanction passenger train to Kendrapada because thousands of workers go from Kendrapada to Paradip for day-to-day work. I demand and request the Railway Ministry to sanction passenger train from Harisdapur to Paradip via Kendrapada. Thank you, Sir.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ms. Saroj Pandey; not here. Shri Samir Oraon; not here. Then, Dr. Narendra Jadhav.

Need to give priority to teachers and school staff for vaccination

DR. NARENDRA JADHAV (Nominated): Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the vaccination drive progresses and the society returns to normalcy, the next challenge is to overcome the loss of learning during the pandemic. In most States, new academic year will start in April and there is a need to accelerate the process of safe reopening of schools, colleges and universities. Sir, this, however, will be possible if and only if teachers are prioritized. Teachers at all levels, their supporting staff and childcare workers should be prioritized; they should get the vaccine on priority. Given the potentially huge adverse multiplier effect, I strongly feel that the Government should categorise teachers as frontline workers and take measures to vaccinate teachers at all levels, *Anganwadi*, *Balwadi*, from primary school to university level including associated school and college staff, irrespective of their age or co-morbidities. Also, Sir, all citizens have to go in person to centres for vaccination. This is not possible for very senior citizens who are 90+ or those who are bed-ridden. They cannot travel all the way to the vaccination centres. Sir, I submit to you and I strongly feel that the

Government should provide a mobile ambulance service, area-wise, which will go to their homes and give them vaccination dose in the presence of a doctor. This will make the vaccination drive effective in its coverage of people who cannot access the vaccine otherwise.

Hence, I urge upon the Central Government, through you, Sir, to issue necessary instructions to States to include teachers in the priority list in the ongoing Phase-2 and also provide mobile ambulance services to cater to very senior citizens and those who are bedridden. Thank you, Sir.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA: Sir, I too associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Sir, I too associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

प्रो. मनोज कुमार झा (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ संबद्ध करता हूँ।

Need for establishment of libraries in prisons

श्री राकेश सिन्हा (नाम निर्देशित): सभापति महोदय, देश में जितनी जेलें हैं, उनमें criminals या accused को रखा जाता है और post colonial India में हमारा यह भाव रहा है कि जो criminals हैं, उनमें सुधार हो, क्योंकि जेल सिर्फ सजा देने की जगह नहीं है। कई राज्यों में, खासकर केरल और तमिलनाडु में हमने देखा है कि वहाँ जेलों में लाइब्रेरी की व्यवस्था है, लेकिन वह व्यवस्था एक symbolic रूप में है।

मैं आपके माध्यम से और इस सदन के माध्यम से सरकार के सामने एक बात रखना चाहता हूँ कि देश की तमाम जेलों में पुस्तकालयों की व्यवस्था की जाए और वे पुस्तकालय सिर्फ सांकेतिक न हों। जेल के prisoners के nature को देखते हुए, उनके क्राइम को देखते हुए उन पुस्तकालयों में ऐसी पुस्तकें रखने की व्यवस्था की जाए, जिनको पढ़ने से उनमें लगातार सुधार हो। आज देश में हजारों जेलें हैं, जिनमें बंद कैदियों के पास बौद्धिक विकास का कोई साधन नहीं है। ऐसे बहुत-से लोग हैं, जो क्राइम करते हैं, accidental crime करते हैं और वे सुधारना चाहते हैं।