

### Concern over increasing incidents of train accidents in the country

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Telangana): Sir, at the very outset, when we are talking about train accidents, let us please pass a condolence motion for the people who have died in the unfortunate accident where eighteen coaches of Howrah-CSMT Express derailed at Jharkhand. I think the House should take cognizance of that. It is a terrible tragedy where citizens have passed away and it is in the right sense that we take up the issue while dealing with this.

Now, the other issue is that a number of train accidents is rising across the country. If you go to see in the last ten years, there has been a surfeit of these accidents that have taken place whether it is technical or human; we have got to look at it. Sir, Indian Railways is the fourth largest in the world. And it is incredible that lakhs of passengers have confidence in Indian Railways. Their bookings would be done, they would go to the Railway Station; given the kind of population that we have, they would have their seats reserved and they could travel safely, the key word being 'safety'.

In such a situation, in the last ten years, we have seen an extreme decline in the safety measures and the so-called *kavach* which was propagated and applied has not happened. The corruption has come about in the Railways' safety and in the products that are being used. I have first-hand knowledge if the Minister so wants. I can sit with him and give him access to all this information. Even if you conduct an inquiry today, you will get a sample which will pass the test, but, the actual reality of what is being supplied is completely mala *fide* and it is distressing because today I am a person, whether I am a Member of Parliament or not, I love travelling by train. I do believe that India is reflected in her train journeys, her people, her cultures and the various Railway Stations we pass through. But, today, do we have the concept of safety? Are we not afraid to board a train? Are we sure that we are going to reach the destination? And what are the facilities we have? What is the train passengers' insurance? Is there anything to protect a traveller? So, why the decline in train safety happened? It has shaken the confidence of lakhs of Indians because today you get scared, you get terrified to board a train because you do not know if you will reach your destination or not.

The Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express collided with a goods train in June and Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express also derailed near Gonda district in Uttar Pradesh in July. These derailments have occurred with such frequency. ...(*Time Bell rings*)... We must as people's representatives take cognizance of this.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury: Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri Ramji (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Neeraj Dangi (Rajasthan), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal), Shrimati Sagarika Ghose (West Bengal), Ms. Sushmita Dev (West Bengal), Shrimati Mausam Noor (West Bengal), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Shri Samirul Islam (West Bengal), Shri Jawhar Sircar (West Bengal), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi (Maharashtra), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan (Assam), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Shri Ashok Singh (Madhya Pradesh), Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam (Chhattisgarh) and Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu).

Shri Ghulam Ali; Demand to introduce scheme for the welfare of Himalayan forest dwellers.

#### **Demand to introduce a scheme for the welfare of Himalayan forest dwellers**

**श्री गुलाम अली** (नामनिर्देशित): डिप्टी चेयरमैन सर, आपने मुझे एक बहुत ही गंभीर इश्यू को उठाने का मौका दिया है। भारत के वजीरेआज़म, नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने देश के लिए, जंगलात के लिए, ग्रीनरी के लिए तथा हमारा जो ग्लेशियर मेल्ट हो रहा था, उसके लिए जो प्रोग्राम्स लाए हैं, उससे हमारा ग्रीन कवर भी बढ़ा है। इसके साथ-साथ जंगल में जो स्ट्रॉ होता है, पौधे का पत्ता गिरता है, ग्रास भी होता है और ये सब ड्राय भी होते हैं। हमारे पास दुनिया का फास्टेस्ट मशीन है, जो कि natural manure बनाती है। वह चलती-फिरती मशीन है और वह सदियों से है। उस मशीन का नाम है गाय, भैंस, बकरी, भेड़, आदि। वह जानवर, जिसके लिए हमने रिसर्च की है और अभी साइंस ने इस पर नई रिसर्च भी की है।

सर, वे पत्ते या तो natural manure बनाएंगे या वे आग का जरिया बनेंगे। हम करोड़ों रुपये फायर गैप पर लगाते हैं। जो forest dwellers हैं, वे जंगलात के लिए बहुत जरूरी हैं, क्योंकि उनका जानवर natural manure देता है। राजस्थान में जब रेगिस्तान था, तो पिछली सरकारों में वहां हेलीकॉप्टर से बीज डाले गए थे, लेकिन हमारे पास जो जानवर हैं, वे कुदरती खजाना हैं, क्योंकि वे seed transportation करते हैं। आज बदकिस्मती यह है कि जब natural calamity आती है तो forest dwellers की भेड़, बकरी, गाय, भैंस मर जाती हैं। उनके लिए कोई इन्श्योरेंस नहीं है, उनका कोई ख्याल रखने वाला नहीं है। हमारी जो हिमालयन स्टेट्स हैं, वहां ये ट्राइब्स 3 महीने के लिए ऊपर जाते हैं, 3 महीने वहां स्टे करते हैं, फिर 3 महीने के लिए नीचे आते हैं और 3 महीने प्लेन में रहते हैं। सर, अगर हम ए.सी. में बैठकर इसके लिए ट्रांसपोर्टेशन की बात करेंगे,