

inaccuracies could lead to a situation wherein rural workers may be deprived of their rightfully-earned wages, especially, people from marginalised backgrounds. There are concerns over mandatory digital attendance, deletions of job cards, delayed disbursements, and unresolved dues to States. MNREGA promises work, wages and dignity to millions of Indians.

I urge the Government to urgently address these issues to ensure efficient implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (SHRIMATI S. PHANGNON KONYAK): The following Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by hon. Member, Shrimati Sagarika Ghose: Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shrimati Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala)

Shri Narain Dass Gupta; not present. Now, Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu.

**Concern over access to washrooms, sanitation facilities like toilets in educational institutions and work places for women across the country**

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Madam, my subject is, 'Concern over Access to Washrooms, Sanitation Facilities like Toilets in Educational Institutions and Workplaces for Women across the country.'

Madam, it is disheartening to see India's Nari Shakti being troubled due to the inadequate toilets and sanitation facilities at educational institutions and workplaces.

Although the number of women in the spheres of education and workforce is on the rise, the provision of sufficient and adequate toilet facilities for them is still sadly lacking.

[THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR) *in the Chair.*]

From Schools to colleges, banks to public offices, the women are forced to bear with the nature's call for long hours. This is absolutely ridiculous and shameful.

Madam, women workers form a large proportion of the workforce in the informal or unorganized sectors. Unfortunately, most workplaces and work activities in the informal sectors lack basic sanitation facilities and toilets.

The lack of access to proper sanitation facilities, separate, hygienic toilets and clean water not only affects the physical health of women, but also their self-esteem, dignity and safety, and makes it difficult for them to participate in the workforce and contribute to the economic development of the country.

Madam, lack of proper sanitation and hygiene facilities for working women in India is an urgent issue that needs to be addressed. Improving access to toilets and clean water and ensuring adequate hygiene facilities in workplaces would help to empower women and promote gender equality.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to address this very sensitive women issue immediately in all the educational institutions and workplaces across the country. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR): The following Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by hon. Member, Shrimati Kanimozhi NVN Somu: Shri Sujeet Kumar (Odisha), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar (Tamil Nadu), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri P.P. Suneer (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala) and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala)

**6.00 P. M.**

Hon. Members, it is now 6.00 p.m. If the House agrees, we may sit beyond 6.00 p.m. to take up the remaining permitted Special Mentions. Do I have the leave of the House to extend the sitting beyond 6.00 p.m.? Thank you. हम इसे कंटीन्यू करते हैं। Thank you. माननीय सदस्य, श्री दीपक प्रकाश जी।

#### **Demand for change in the timing of Ranchi-Patna Jan Shatabdi Express**

**श्री दीपक प्रकाश (झारखंड):** आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से सदन के समक्ष एक महत्वपूर्ण विषय लाना चाहता हूँ। वर्तमान में सुबह के समय पटना से रांची के लिए दो संचालित ट्रेनें वंदे भारत एक्सप्रेस (22349) व जनशताब्दी एक्सप्रेस (12365) में से जनशताब्दी एक्सप्रेस को सुबह के समय रांची से पटना को संचालित किए जाने की आवश्यकता है। क्योंकि सुबह के समय मात्र एक घण्टे के अंतराल पर पटना से रांची के लिए दो एक्सप्रेस ट्रेनें संचालित हो रही हैं, जबकि रांची से पटना के लिए इसी समय कोई एक्सप्रेस ट्रेन नहीं है। महोदया, अगर जनशताब्दी एक्सप्रेस को सुबह के समय में रांची से पटना को संचालित किया जाता है, तो न सिर्फ