

(Tamil Nadu), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha) and Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha).

Thank you. Now, Ms. Kavita Patidar.

Demand for starting of Mhow-Indore-Manmad Railway Project

सुश्री कविता पाटीदार (मध्य प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, महू, इंदौर-मनमाड़ रेल मार्ग परियोजना कई सालों से प्रस्तावित है, परन्तु प्रस्तावित समय से यह रेल मार्ग अभी तक पूरा नहीं हो पाया है। उक्त रेल मार्ग का सर्वे भी मई, 2017 में पूर्ण किया जा चुका है, साथ में डी.पी.आर. भी तैयार हैं। अतः मैं सरकार से इस परियोजना को शीघ्र चालू करने के आग्रह करती हूँ, धन्यवाद।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention raised by the hon. Member, Ms. Kavita Patidar: Shrimati Sumitra Balmik (Madhya Pradesh), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki (Madhya Pradesh).

Thank you. Now, Shri Sujeet Kumar on 'Demand for Increasing Hunar Se Rozgar Tak Training Institutes for Tourism in Odisha'.

Demand for Increasing Hunar Se Rozgar Tak Training Institutes for Tourism in Odisha

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, Odisha attracts millions of domestic and international tourists annually, with a footfall of 10,014,175 tourists in 2023-24. Although, this is less compared to the pre-COVID years as we are still recovering, Odisha's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty continue to draw many visitors, making tourism a vital part of our economy. Tourism is a highly labour-intensive sector and approximately, for every 1 million rupees investment in Tourism Sector, 89 jobs are created as against 45 jobs in Primary Sector and 13 jobs in Secondary Sector in Odisha. However, the lack of HSRT training centres hampers our ability to train and empower our youth, affecting their employment opportunities and the quality of services provided to tourists. While we do not harbour any envy towards other states and are glad to see our fellow states like Uttar Pradesh with around 15 centres, Madhya Pradesh with 12, Rajasthan with 15, and Telangana with 7, it is concerning that our state, Odisha, which generates 13 per cent of its GDP from tourism, has only one centre allocated under the Hunar Se Rozgar Tak Training Institute for Tourism. More HSRT training centres in Odisha will equip our youth with essential skills, leading to higher employment rates and improved tourist services. This will boost local