

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The hon. Member, Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu) associated himself with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli. Shri Derek O'Brien - Need to preserve coastal culture of Goa.

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SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN (West Bengal): Sir, smaller States rarely get a chance to have their voices heard here. So, I am happy today to raise the issue of the need to preserve the rich coastal culture of Goa.

Sir, the coastal culture of Goa is basically made up of two communities. One is the fishing community with all their great traditions and the other is the toddy-tapping community. These are the two communities. Now, the vibrant communities in these fishing villages — I have been there once or twice and have seen myself — have a great tradition, but now they are going through an existential crisis, for a variety of reasons. It is primarily because of the CRZ, the Coastal Regulation Zones. As a result, these fishermen cannot build homes, cannot do up their homes, cannot park their boats and face all kinds of problems. Worse than that, the trawlers are coming and robbing them of their livelihood.

So, the issue here is affecting 20,000 fishermen and about 1 lakh people in this community. Tough times for them! I want to quickly contrast this to what is happening for the fishermen in Bengal. There is a special scheme called 'Samudra Sathi Scheme' under which each fisherman gets Rs.10,000 for two months for off-fishing season. There is another scheme called 'Matsya Jeebi Credit Card'. This is to protect the fishermen so that they do not get duped in a long-term institutional credit. These are the issues. There is also one more issue in Goa relating to salt pans. This is an old Goa tradition of using salt pans. From salt pans, they extricate salt. That too is under trouble. These should be preserved as heritage sites. We appeal to the Government to save the fishermen and to save Goa, as the Supreme Court said, 'Do not turn it into a concrete jungle'. We must protect that. And what do the people of Goa do? What are the options they have? The last time when they voted, we were hearing slogans. There are two ways to use Zero Hour. One is, you can raise these issues or you can stand up and shout the slogans for your leader. I am using these issues. The Government of Goa is doing nothing. And what was the Opposition doing there? They elected 11 MLAs from the Congress in good faith. But eight Congress MLAs left and went to the BJP. So, who will protect the people of Goa? I appeal to this Government, leave the politics aside and let us get together to help the State.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Derek O'Brien: Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Jose K. Mani (Kerala), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque (West Bengal), Shrimati Sagarika Ghose (West Bengal), Shri Ritabrata Banerjee (West Bengal), Shri Manoj Kumar Jha (Bihar), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shrimati Mausam B. Noor (West Bengal), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala) Beeran (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri Khiru Mahto (Bihar), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu) and Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala).

Shrimati Dharmshila Gupta -- Demand to start train services of Rajdhani Express from Darbhanga to Delhi.

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श्रीमती धर्मशीला गुप्ता (बिहार) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, आपका आभार कि आपने मुझे मेरे क्षेत्र के अति महत्वपूर्ण लोकहित के इस मुद्दे को संसद पटल पर प्रस्तुत करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है।

माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, मेरे बिहार राज्य का दरभंगा उन रेलवे स्टेशनों में शामिल है, जो कि 'अमृत भारत योजना' के अंतर्गत आते हैं। मैं माननीय प्रधान मंत्री, श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी का धन्यवाद करती हूँ, जिनके दिशा निर्देशन में दरभंगा जंक्शन को 340 करोड़ रुपए की सौगात देकर उस स्टेशन का पूर्ण रूप से कायाकल्प करके विश्व स्तरीय रेलवे स्टेशन बनने की ओर अग्रसर किया गया है।

महोदय, इस सदन के माध्यम से माननीय रेल मंत्री जी से मेरा आग्रह है कि दरभंगा, जिसे 'मिथिला की सांस्कृतिक राजधानी' कहा जाता है और जो पटना के बाद राज्य का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा क्षेत्र है, वहां सारी मूलभूत सुविधाएं, जैसे - हवाई अड्डा और अब बिहार के दूसरे एम्स के निर्माण का कार्य भी माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी के नेतृत्व में अग्रसर है। दरभंगा में मखाना सहित अन्य कई कारोबार भी राष्ट्रीय-अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर किए जाते हैं। ऐसे में दरभंगा से दिल्ली के लिए राजधानी या वंदे भारत जैसी सुपरफास्ट ट्रेन चलाने की कृपा की जाए, जिससे कि यहां के स्थानीय निवासियों को व्यापार या इलाज हेतु आने-जाने में सुगमता हो।

माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, इसके अतिरिक्त दरभंगा से गुवाहाटी के लिए एक भी ट्रेन नहीं चलाई जाती है। दिल्ली से वाया समस्तीपुर-मुजफ्फरपुर गुवाहाटी जाने वाली डिब्रूगढ़ राजधानी ट्रेन (संख्या 20504) सप्ताह में 5 दिन चलती है। मेरा अनुरोध है कि आदरणीय रेल मंत्री जी इस ट्रेन को सप्ताह में दो दिन के लिए वाया समस्तीपुर-दरभंगा चलाने की कृपा करें, जिससे