

सड़क मार्ग के साथ-साथ चलता हैं जिसका निर्माण किया जा रहा हैं। इसलिए मेरा आग्रह हैं कि इस रेल मार्ग को तलवाड़ा से आगे नूरपुर होते हुए ऊधमपुर तक प्राथमिकता के आधार पर पूरा बनाया जाए जिससे कि एक वैकल्पिक रेल मार्ग सेनाओं की सप्लाई बनाए रखने हेतु उपलब्ध हो सके।

महोदय, मेरा आपके माध्यम से रक्षा मंत्री महोदय से निवेदन हैं कि वे इस रेल मार्ग का वैकल्पिक मार्ग के रूप में रेल मंत्रालय के साथ तलवाड़ा से आगे बढ़ाने हेतु संयुक्त रूप से सर्वेक्षण कराएं और प्राथमिकता के आधार पर रेल के इस वैकल्पिक मार्ग का निर्माण कराएं। धन्यवाद।

**श्री सुरेश भारद्वाज** (हिमाचल प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं अपने आप को इससे सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

#### **Postponement of recovery of loans from farmers in Gujarat due to drought**

SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ (Gujarat): Madam, this year, in about 12 States of the country, there have been acute drought and scarcity conditions. The nationalised and cooperative banks have postponed the recovery of loans and interest in Rajasthan and other States. In Gujarat, in 18 out of 25 districts, there are acute drought conditions. Thousands of villages have been declared to be facing scarcity conditions by the Gujarat State Government, and various relief works have been undertaken, including the setting up of many cattle camps. The Central Government has also given financial assistance to the Gujarat State for carrying out the relief work. A special team of the Ministry of Agriculture had also visited the scarcity areas of Gujarat. Despite that, the Government has still not issued the orders for the postponement of the recovery of loans and interest by the said banks. The said banks are taking legal steps and adopting coercive measures, either directly or through the courts.

It is, therefore, necessary, in view of the pitiable condition of the loanee farmers, that the Government of India gives instructions to such banks for the postponement of the recovery of loans for, at least, one year.

SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT (Gujarat): Madam, I associate myself with what the hon. Member has mentioned.