

gation Co. who are operating a passenger service on the Konkan Coast have commenced calling at Panjim with effect from 25th February, 1962. There has been a heavy rush of passengers and from the present trend of traffic, it appears that the revival of the service to Goa has been successful.

Power Supply from Mata Tila Dam to M.P.

*824. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how much power from the Mata Tila Dam has been promised to Madhya Pradesh and on what terms; and

(b) by what time this power is likely to be available?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No power from the Mata Tila Dam has so far been promised to Madhya Pradesh.

(b). Does not arise.

Lands Allotted to Jhumias

*825. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the lands allotted to Jhumias by the Tribal Welfare Department of Tripura are now going to be included within the Garji Forest Reserve, and the recipients of Jhumia grants are facing eviction;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect those Jhumias from eviction; and

(c) whether Government propose to exclude the lands preserved by tribals from the Reserve Forest Areas in Tripura?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Certain lands which were allotted to Jhumias, have been included in Garji Forest Reserve.

As it is proposed to settle these Jhumias as forest villagers, the question of their eviction will not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

Thermal Power Stations in Andhra Pradesh

*826. **Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governments of Czechoslovakia and Poland have offered assistance to install Thermal Power stations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir. We are not aware of any such offer.

(b) Does not arise.

U.N. Special Fund for Asian Highways

*827. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a U.N. special Fund has been constituted for development of Asian Highways;

(b) on what principle, contribution is made to it by the participating countries;

(c) to what extent, if any, the recommendations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and Far East made at its meeting in Tokyo for grants from the Fund have been given effect to; and

(d) how India is expected to benefit from it?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.