

Import of Coaches by Metro Railway Calcutta

5925. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Metro Railway Calcutta was going to import 86 coaches ;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the import has been found necessary when the coaches are being manufactured by Integral Coach Factory Madras ;

(c) whether Integral Coach Factory Madras has already made 20 coaches which are in use and this factory has got order for 144 coaches from Metro Authorities ;

(d) whether Government contemplate to cancel the import of coaches and arrange to expedite indigenous production ; and

(e) whether Metro Railway Calcutta is behind schedule and the delay has resulted in extra expenditure ; and the details of such expenditure ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :
(a) There is a proposal to import part of the requirement of coaches for Metro Railway Calcutta.

(b) The need to import Metro Coaches has been felt primarily due to manufacturing capacity constraints as the total indigenous production capacity available in the country falls short of the requirement of coaching stock including Metro Coaches for 7th Plan period.

(c) Integral Coach Factory Madras has turned out so far 28 coaches out of a total order for 144 Metro Coaches on it.

(d) No order for import of coaches has yet been placed. Proposal to import coaches has been worked out after

taking into account indigenous production.

(e) The project sanctioned in 1972 was estimated to cost Rs. 140 crores and project report envisaged its completion in 1978. Due to severe constraint of funds and various other problems, the completion of the project has to be re-scheduled. The work is now progressing satisfactorily and the project is expected to be completed by end of 1989 at a cost of about Rs. 800 crores subject to availability of adequate funds.

[Translation]

Introduction of Indore-Bombay Rail Service Via Bhopal

5926. SHRI SATYA NARAYAN PAWAR :
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :
SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the time by which Indore-Bombay rail service via Bhopal is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :
At present, there is no proposal for introducing a train between Indore and Bombay via Bhopal.

Grants to child centres and Irregularities There in

5927. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA :
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether grants have been allocated for Child Centres by Government and if so, the allocation made State-wise and the number of Child Centres opened ;

(b) whether Government have received complaints to the effect that attempts have been made in several districts to misuse allocated amount in the name of fake child centres; and if so, the number of States from where such com-