

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Matangiri Express between Howrah and Tamluk including bus service has been discontinued due to meagre number of passengers.

(b) Train-wise earnings are not maintained.

(c) The average daily income of the connecting bus service was Rs. 270/-.

Survey of Rail Lines in Kerala

6923. **SHRI K. MOHANDAS :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of surveys conducted in Kerala in respect of new railway lines in Kerala during the last five years;

(b) how many of such lines have been sanctioned and in how many cases work has been started; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed in respect of these lines ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Two

1. Alleppey-Kayankulam.
2. Trichur-Kuttipuram (Updating).

(b) One viz. extension of Broad Gauge line from Alleppey to Kayankulam has been approved.

(c) Its completion will depend on availability of funds in the coming years.

[Translation]

Setting up of Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences in Patna

6924. **SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences in Patna at a cost of Rs. 80 crores; with the help of Union Government;

(b) if so, whether the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi had laid its foundation stone;

(c) if so, the position in regard to the construction work thereon; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure its speedy construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences has been set up at Patna by the Government of Bihar. The Government of India has not committed any financial assistance for this Institute.

(b) The foundation stone of Institute was laid by the President of India on 12th February, 1983.

(c) It has been reported that 60,000 sq. feet built in area on the land allotted to the Institute has already been renovated and gastroenterology, biomedical tests, radiology, ultra soundgraphy and endoscopic services have been started from 15th of August, 1984. The Roorkee University, who were engaged to prepare a project report for the construction of Institute Building, Hospital, housing accommodation etc. have submitted their report and the State Government propose to complete the capital works in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Disparity in Passengers Fares

6925. **SHRI UTTAM RATHOD :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a disparity in passenger fares for the same distance in different sections of the railways;

(b) if so, the justification to continue this discrimination ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). Normally passengers fares have been fixed on the basis of actual distance involved in the route of travel. However, on certain sections, such as hill sections, the chargeable distances have been suitably inflated to partly cover the higher cost of operation.

Removal of Satyanarayannapuram Rail Track

6926 **SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA**

RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum was submitted by the Mayor Vijaywada Municipal Corporation to the Late Prime Minister on her visit to Vijaywada on 23 March, 1984 requesting to take necessary steps for removal of Satyanarayanapuram Railway Track in Vijaywada Municipal Corporation and which is not in use as the trains are being run on another diversion line already laid;

(b) whether, keeping in view of the importance and public convenience, Railways propose to remove the abandoned line at their cost and handover the site to the Corporation to enable them to connect it with the National Highway No. 5; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). On the existing alignment near Satyanarayanapuram, which is sought to be abandoned and land handed over to the Municipality, 14 pairs of trains are running each way daily. It is not possible to abandon this alignment without creating alternative facilities. The Railway had undertaken a detailed survey in this regard at the request and cost of Vijaywada Municipal Corporation. The estimated cost of providing alternative facilities will be Rs. 3.52 crores and, as per extant rules, this cost has to be borne by the State Government/Vijaywada Municipal Corporation. The Railways will undertake this work after estimate is approved

and cost deposited by the State Government, Vijaywada Municipal Corporation.

Assistance Provided to Shipping Companies

6927. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of Shipping and Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been providing financial assistance to each individual shipping company;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided to each shipping company during the last-three years;

(c) the financial resources of each shipping company as on 31st March, 1985; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Out of a total of 72 shipping companies in India, 29 are SDFC assisted companies. SDFC has been providing financial assistance in the form of rupee loans and interest subsidy on SAFANUS (Ship Acquisition From Abroad Under New Scheme) loans to these shipping companies. A list of these shipping companies alongwith details of rupee back up loans and SAFAUNS subsidy drawn by them for the last three years is given in statement. I attached.

(c) and (d). the debt-equity ratio in respect of SDFC assisted companies is given in statement II attached.

Statement-I

Details of subsidy under SAFAUNS given by SDFC to various Shipping Companies during the years 1982-83 to 1984-85

(In Lakhs of Rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of the shipping Company	Subsidy given by SDFC under SAFAUNS*			Rupee Back-up loan given by SDFC		
		1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	M/s. Essar Bulk Carriers Ltd. (New Essar Shipping Co. Ltd.)	65.29	154.65	48.05	291.50	579.05	478.80
2.	M/s. Garware Shipping Co. Ltd.	21.35	19.10