

की शर्त का प्रस्ताव स्वीकार कर लिया है। पूर्वोक्त शेरों के अभिग्रहण के लिए कम्पनी की नियम की धारा 108क और 372 (4) के अन्तर्गत केन्द्रीय सरकार का अनुमोदन अपेक्षित होगा। पूर्वोक्त शेरों के अभिग्रहण के लिए बलारपुर इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड से कोई प्रस्ताव अभी तक सरकार द्वारा प्राप्त नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) जैसा कि अभी तक शेरों का बेचा नहीं गया है इस बिक्री का मजदूरा की मजूरी शेव्युटी, बानस और अन्य बचाया राशि पर कोई प्रभाव पड़ने का प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता है।

Conversion of Metre Gauge Track into Broad Gauge in Assam

2724 SHRI P KANNAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of the ONGC is handicapped particularly in Assam because of the absence of broad gauge track to move heavy equipment, and

(b) if so the plans evolved for conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge to facilitate the important work of oil exploration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) (a) and (b) ONGC have not raised the question of extending broad gauge line in Assam with the Ministry of Railways. However work on extension of BG railway line from New Bongaigaon to Gauhati is already in progress

Strike contemplated by NFIR

2725 SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL-
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the

2nd February, 1978 to the effect that the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen is contemplating an 'indefinite strike' to press its demands for bonus, dearness allowance and minimum wage, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government towards this decision and steps contemplated to be taken to avert the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) (a) Yes

(b) There have been discussions with the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen and the Government's stand on various issues raised has been explained in great detail. Decisions on a number of issues have already been taken and announced

Government is keeping a watch and wish to assure that the door for discussions and negotiations is always open

Conversion of Sonpur Pahle jaghat Metre Gauge line

2726 SHRI PANDIT D. N. TIWARY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the passengers from Narkatiaganj-Motihari Section in coming to Patna as they have to change the trains at four places during the journey,

(b) if so whether Government propose to convert Sonpur-Pahle jaghat metre gauge line into broad gauge, and

(c) if so when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) It has been decided to have a mixed gauge from Sonpur to Pahle jaghat. The progress on the work will depend upon the availability of funds.