

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री लिख नारायण) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

भवानी मंडी स्टेशन पर प्रथम श्रेणी के टिकटों का धारण]

4521. श्री बलुमुंज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार भवानी मंडी स्टेशन (पश्चिम रेलवे) से प्रथम श्रेणी के दो टिकट धारित करने की अनुमति देने पर विचार करेगी और यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री लिख नारायण) : भवानी मंडी स्टेशन पर जो ऊंच दर्जे का यात्री यातायात होता है वह बहुत कम होने के प्रस्ताव मुख्यतः कम दूरी प्रथम दिल्ली की ओर बाउन दिशा में कोटा तक और बम्बई की ओर छप दिशा में रतलाम तक का होता है । ऐसी परिस्थिति में भवानी मण्डी स्टेशन के लिए प्रथम कोटे के प्रावंटन करने का औचित्य नहीं समझा गया है ।

Fertilizer Factory at Talcher

4522. SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the construction of Fertilizers Factory at Talcher in the Orissa State;

(b) the approximate time (i.e. the month and the year) in which the factory will go to production;

(c) the quantity of fertilizers that may be produced yearly when production goes on with full scale; and

(d) the categories of fertilizers that will be produced in the factory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):

(a) to (d). The project is nearing mechanical completion and is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1978 and commercial production is expected to commence from April 1979. The plant is designed to produce 4,95,000 mt of fertilizer grade urea per annum equivalent to 228,000 mt of nitrogen.

Jakhapura-Banspani Line

4523: SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total mileage of the Jakhapura-Banspani Railway line now under construction in Orissa State;

(b) the year when the construction of the said line began;

(c) the year when the construction is scheduled to be completed; and

(d) the total estimate for completion of the said Railway line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) The total length of Jakhapura-Banspani Railway line is 176 Kms. Out of this, the construction of the first 33.5 Kms length from Jakhapura to Daitari has been taken up.

(b) Construction of the line was taken up in 1976.

(c) The target date for completion of the entire line from Jakhapura to Banspani has not yet been fixed.

(d) The construction of the line was approved at a cost of Rs 39 crores in 1974.

Service Condition of Commission Bearers

4524. SHRI K. A. RAJU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for converting the present commission bearers of catering department serving in important prestigious trains as Departmental Bearers in order to improve the efficiency of service to the travelling public; and

(b) if so, whether this will definitely improve the service condition of the Commission bearers also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) and (b). With a view to improving the catering service and to meet a long standing demand it has been decided that commission bearers engaged by departmental catering units both static and mobile will be absorbed as regular Railway employees on prescribed scales of pay. This will be done in a phased manner on the basis of the length of service etc. rendered by commission bearers.

Railway Lines in Drought Areas

4525. SHRI K. A. RAJU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of the Government to give priority for construction of new railway lines in under developed and drought areas ;

(b) if so, is there any proposal to construct a new railway line from Tiruppur to Palani via Dharapuram; and

(c) if so, when will be the survey work for the new railway line commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) (a) Yes. Government are aware of the need for construction of new lines in the areas where transport facilities are lacking or are inadequate to meet the demands of the areas.

(b) and (c) . It is not possible to take up the proposal to construct the new Railway line from Tiruppur to Palani via Dharapuram at present on account of severe constraint of resources.

Expansion of Madras Central Railway Station Yard.

4526 SHRI K. A. RAJU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal on hand for the expansion of the Madras Central Railway Station Yard since it is already Congested; and

(b) if so, what is the present position regarding the expansion of the Madras Central Yard and Station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) : (a) and (b). Construction of one additional passenger platform at Madras Central has been completed recently. The work of acquisition of land across the Buckingham Canal near Madras Central Station for further develop-

ment of Madras Central Station is already appearing in the Budget. Negotiations are in progress with the Government of Tamil Nadu for acquisition of this land.

कुछ राज्यों में रेल लाइनों की शीस्त किलोमीटर लम्बाई

4527. श्री मोती भाई० धार० चौधरी : क्या रेल मंत्री कुछ राज्यों में रेलवे लाइनों का शीस्त किलोमीटर लम्बाई के बारे में दिनांक 28-2-78 के प्रतारफित प्रश्न सं० 1000 के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश, गुजरात, बिहार, तमिलनाडु, पंजाब, मध्य-प्रदेश, तथा उड़ीसा में बड़ी, मीटर तथा छोटी लाइनों की शीस्त किलोमीटर लम्बाई की तुलना में प्रतिशतता कितनी है ?

' रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) :

| राज्य | राज्य में रेलवे लाइन का मार्ग किलोमीटरों में ग्रामान वार प्रतिशत | | |
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| | बड़ी लाइन | मीटर लाइन | छोटी लाइन |
| उत्तर प्रदेश | 62.19 | 37.79 | 0.02 |
| गुजरात | 20.4 | 59.6 | 20.0 |
| बिहार | 61.6 | 37.1 | 1.3 |
| तमिलनाडु | 23.3 | 76.7 | .. |
| पंजाब | 89.6 | 9.8 | 0.6 |
| मध्य प्रदेश | 74.8 | 8.7 | 16.5 |
| उड़ीसा | 92.7 | — | 7.3 |

प्रयुक्त टिकटों की पुनः बिची

4228. श्री रीतलाल प्रताप शर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हावड़ा से पटना तथा पटना से रांची तथा धन्य