

traffic, apart from cultivation being unauthorised, action was taken to remove the unauthorised cultivation with the help of the police, which became necessary on account of the hostile attitude adopted by the encroachers.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position explained in (a) and (b) above.

Expansion of Pattambi Station on Southern Railway for stoppage of Express Trains

7440. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a plan to expand the platform of Pattambi Station on the Southern Railway for the stoppage of Express trains ; and

(b) if so, when the expansion work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The estimate is under finalisation. The work will be taken up as soon as the estimate is sanctioned and contract finalised.

Orissa Coast Canal for purposes of Navigation

7441. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether the Orissa Coast Canal is going to be taken up for purposes of making it available for navigation and if so, when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : The Government of Orissa have reported that they have not so far taken up the scheme as it was not recommended by the Bhagavati Committee for implementation in the Fourth Plan or Fifth Plan period.

Dam over Buda Balang river in Balasore, Orissa

7442. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND

POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for a small dam over 'Buda Balang' river in Balasore or a barrage for the purpose of irrigation ; and

(b) if so, when the work will be taken up and what will be the expenditure involved ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) The Government of Orissa have indicated that there are no such proposals under their consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Electrification of Balasore and Mayurbhanj Districts of Orissa

7443. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the number of villages in Balasore District and Mayurbhanj District in Orissa which are to be electrified by the end of the Fourth Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : Two schemes were sent by the Orissa State Electricity Board for sanction by the Rural Electrification Corporation : one envisaging the electrification of 144 villages and energisation of 1873 pumpsets in the district of Mayurbhanj and the other envisaging electrification of 210 villages and energisation of 393 pumpsets in the district of Balasore by the end of the Fourth Plan. These schemes were returned to the State Electricity Board for modifications in accordance with the norms and criteria adopted by the Corporation. The revised schemes are awaited.

Stopping of Trains at Bondamunda Station

7444. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the trains are compelled to stop at Bondamunda Railway station, 5 km. from Rourkela due to chain pulling by Railway staff ; and