

ed on imported phosphoric acid, further reduced the prices of their products. The reduction in prices made by the indigenous manufacturers in July, 1975 and again in December 1975 are shown in Statement III laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-9983/76].

Alleged Criminal Conspiracy to defraud Indian Machinery Co. Ltd.

92. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three officials of the Government managed Indian Machinery Company Limited, Howrah in West Bengal entered into a criminal conspiracy to defraud the company of certain raw materials;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into that matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to introduce Fast Train Between Mangalore and Quilon

93. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce a fast train from Mangalore to Quilon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): No.

Survey for Ernakulam-Alleppey Railway Line

94. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the survey for the feasibility of a railway line connecting Alleppey and Ernakulam in Kerala; and

(b) whether this proposal is unnecessarily being delayed and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) Overall physical progress on this survey so far is 40 per cent.

(b) The survey is in progress according to schedule and is expected to be completed by May, this year.

Completion of Kuttipuram—Guruvayoor Railway Line in Kerala

95. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the surveys for the Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor-Trichur Railway line (in Kerala) has been completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Preliminary Engineering and traffic surveys for the proposed rail link from Kuttipuram to Trichur via Guruvayoor are in progress and are likely to be completed shortly.

Production and Use of Wagons During 1973-74 and 1974-75

96. SHRI P. GANGADEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway wagons produced in the years 1973-74 and 1974-75; and

(b) what numbers were brought to use in the above years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The number of