

Jhund-Dhrangadhra Rail Link

6335. Shri Sriraj Meghrajji Dhrangadhra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to complete the Jhund-Dhrangadhra rail link speedily and have revised the original schedule in this regard; and

(b) if so, by what time this will be completed and put into operation?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). The target date for completion of the Jhund-Kandla B. G. line is October, 1969. However, the Jhund-Dhrangadhra portion is likely to be opened to goods traffic by the end of December, 1967.

Cotton Textile Mills at Ahmedabad

6336. Shri D. R. Parmar:
Shri Ramanand Shastri:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some cotton textile mills at Ahmedabad are being run during off times and on weekly holidays on cash labour basis;

(b) whether this is done to prevent the labourers being registered on permanent cadre;

(c) if so, the action Government have taken to put them into regular working shifts; and

(d) the action taken to safeguard the rights of the labourers as regards their permanency and to minimise the unemployment in textile mills?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (d). A few cotton textile mills at Ahmedabad are reported to be working on weekly holidays with casual labour after giving intimation to the Commissioner of Labour and Chief Inspector of Factories. As the present labour laws do not specifically prevent such working, the question of putting the labour into regular working shifts and safeguarding their rights with respect to permanency does not arise.

Halting Station at "Shahibag" Crossing (W. Rly.)

6337. Shri D. R. Parmar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to non-signal or for some other reasons, the trains coming to Ahmedabad from Mehsana side very often halt at "Shahibag" crossing between Sabarmati and Ahmedabad station and hundreds of passengers get down the train;

(b) whether Government propose to provide a halting station at "Shahibag" to give facilities to the passengers and to diminish the passenger load on Ahmedabad station;

(c) whether Government have received any representations for providing such a halting station; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Sometimes, trains coming from Kalol and Mehsana side get detained between Sabarmati and Ahmedabad due to signal troubles, and some other operational reasons. Such detentions are, however, few.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proposal was examined but could not be accepted for want of adequate justification.

Level Crossings at Girdharnagar and Asarwa

6338. Shri D. R. Parmar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the standards specified for the road traffic load for providing a road over-bridge at a particular level crossing;

(b) whether these standards are justified for providing road over-bridges at Girdharnagar and Asarwa level crossings; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take?