

Construction Work of School Building

1875. SHRI ANUP LAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of a two rooms school building was undertaken at Tirmuhani Ghat Village in Benipur block of Darbhanga district under a Centrally sponsored Scheme is incomplete;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Village-wise construction of school buildings under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme is not monitored at the Central level.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Award of Contract to BHEL by Railways

1876. SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI VAIKE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any contract for manufacture and supply of three phase dual voltage EMU Traction Drives for Western Railways has been awarded to a Multinational Company instead of BHEL; and

(b) if so, the full facts thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir. The contract was awarded to both M/s BHEL as well as a multinational company and not to a multinational company only instead of BHEL.

(b) Does not arise.

Electrification of Ranaghat-Gede and Ranaghat-Bongaon Railway Tracks

1877. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of electrification of Ranaghat-Gede and Ranaghat-Bongaon Railway Tracks under Eastern Railway; and

(b) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Both are approved works. Detailed estimate for Ranaghat-Gede section has been sanctioned and that for Ranaghat-Bongaon is in process.

(b) The projects are likely to be completed by December, 2000 subject to availability of funds.

[Translation]

Coaches Reserved for Women

1878. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints against the encroachment of ladies compartments by men;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Committee for Women has sent any representation to the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Some instances of persons, who are mostly short distance passengers entering reserved compartments including ladies compartments unauthorisedly have come to notice. In order to curb this menace, checks are conducted regularly as a result of which 1.62 lakhs persons were prosecuted during the year 1998 (upto September'98) for such irregular travelling in trains.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.