

[Shri Mallikarjun]

discussions with the officers of Railway Board and other Railway Establishments. During discussions, the team did emphasise the need for establishing a modern computer-based management information system for better management of railway operations. But the team did not make any World Bank aid conditional on establishment of the computerised management system. In fact, this issue was quite independent of other issues, like Electrification, import of Electric Locomotives, building of Diesel Component Works etc.

2. In the context of accelerating the pace of electrification, the Bank Mission volunteered assistance to Indian Railways for improving the technology of overhead equipment (circuit bearers, transformers etc.) as well as to uprate electric locomotive technology. The Mission has proposed import of about 15 locomotives, with 3 or 4 types of systems to gain experience under Indian conditions. The idea is to select the most suitable type thereafter for indigenous manufacture, with collaboration or assistance as necessary from the manufacturers and thus to adopt the latest technology in the minimum possible time.

3. There is no proposal to import high power diesel locomotives at present, and therefore, the question of reversing the past attitude does not arise.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER :
The house stands adjourned till
2-05 p.m.

13.07 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for
Lunch till five Minutes past Fourteen
of the Clock.*

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after
lunch at ten Minutes past Fourteen
of the Clock.*

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) MEASURES TO PROVIDE ADE-
QUATE TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN
PILIBHIT AND SHAHJAHANPUR

SHRI JITENDRA PRASAI
(Shahjahanpur) : There is wide-
spread resentment among the
people in the matter of deteriorat-
ing train service between Pilibhi-
and Shahjahanpur putting thousands
of passengers to a lot of inconvenience
and harassment. Two out of three
passenger trains running between
these two stations have been sus-
pended for the last few months.
No time schedule is maintained
subjecting the public to untold
hardship and inconvenience. Lack
of telephone facilities and lighting
at these stations, bad condition of
coaches, unsatisfactory sanitary
conditions, no provision of lights
in the trains and the rising crime
raids in these trains are also adding
to the already deteriorating train
services between these stations.
I request the Railway Minister
to look into this burning problem
of this area and see that the trains
are run punctually and properly,
that telephone and other basic
amenities are provided at these
stations and also that the track is
converted into broad-gauge and diesel
engines are introduced in place of
steam engines.

(ii) NEED TO RE-CLAIM ALKALINE
LAND.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU
(Chit'or) : When I went to
Moradabad in UP I saw an exten-
sive stretch of vacant land where
there is no vegetation. On enquiry
I found that its extent is about
75,000 hectares and no crop is raised
there since it is alkaline land.