

land earmarked for this purpose under the planned development of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Punjab, the Town and Country Planning Department of Punjab has earmarked 113.26 Sq. Kms. of land in the whole State for use for industrial purposes in their plans.

(b) Out of the aforesaid area of 113.26 Sq. Kms., 18.0 Sq. Kms. is reported to be already under industrial use.

(c) The State Government has informed that details in this regard are not available.

(d) Exact location of the industrial unit and the allocation of land for the purpose are the concern of the State Government. The State Government is currently engaged in formulating the locational policy for setting up of industrial units in Punjab.

Talcher-Sambalpur Railway Line

1955. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to allot more funds for the completion of Talcher-Sambalpur railway line during the Current Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount required for its completion;

(c) by what time this project is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). During 1990-91, Rs. 25.00 crores have been allocated for Talcher-Sambalpur new line project. Outlay in the remaining period of

Eighth Plan would depend on availability of resources in the coming years. The total amount required for completion is Rs. 100 crores.

(c) and (d). Completion of the project would depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Stoppages of Vanchinad Express

1956. **PROF. P. J. KURIEN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of district towns where Vanchinad Express does not have halts in Kerala;

(b) whether there is public demand for its stoppages in those districts; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Alleppey and Pathanamthittah.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Examined but not found feasible at present.

Raichur Thermal Power Plant

1957. **SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:**

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka is facing difficulty in starting the second unit of Raichur thermal power station since the Railways

have not agreed to supply coal at the normal rate;

(b) if so, whether Karnataka has to import coal from the neighbouring States to generate power in its existing plants; and

(c) the steps Union Government propose to take for availability of coal to power plants in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). There is no identified coal source in Karnataka and therefore the coal has to be supplied from other sources situated outside, for thermal power generation. The Raichur Thermal Power Station is linked with M/s. Singareni Collieries where the coal production is short and, therefore, the full requirement of all the linked power stations cannot be met from this coalfield. As such, a portion of the coal demand of similarly linked thermal power stations is met from other coalfields and the coal is transported by Railways keeping in view the least cost options to the extent possible.

(c) The coal supply to various thermal power plants in the country is continuously monitored by various concerned agencies and corrective measures are taken accordingly.

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Inter-City Train Service Between Indore and Bhopal

1958. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run inter-city train service between Indore and Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pratapganj-Birpur Rail Line (NER)

1959. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned new railway line from Pratapganj to Birpur in North-Eastern railway;

(b) if so, whether Railway have acquired land therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the further steps proposed to be taken for completion of this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Production of nylon Tyres

1960. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission for the export of nylon tyres in view of increased production; and

(b) if so, the export quota fixed therefor by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no restriction on export of tyres from India.