

ducted to construct a new rail line (loop lines) on Salekasa station in South Eastern Railway on the northern side of Salekasa station instead of on the Southern side of the station as decided earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons for the change in decision and the time and money lost;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the amount spent for this railway line on the southern side;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(e) whether complaints have been lodged in this regard with the General Manager, Calcutta and the Divisional Railway Manager, South Eastern Railway, Nagpur; and

(f) if so, the action taken so far thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to provide a down loop line on Northern side is in planning stage only.

(c) and (d). No expenditure has yet been incurred.

(e) and (f). A representation from some of the citizens along with a covering letter of Prof. M. Shiwankar was received in this regard and Shri Shiwankar was also replied. No other complaint has been received in this regard.

[English]

Defamation suit threat by Airbus Industries

*838. SHRI D.M. PUTTE GOWDA:
SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airbus Industries, France, has threatened to file a defamation suit against those who find fault with A 320 aircraft, as reported in the press; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Government has seen the Press report. However, Government has not received any communication from M/s Airbus Industries in this regard.

Cheaper Konkan Railway Plan

*839. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Mangalore-Bombay-Konkan rail line project;

(b) whether Government have studied the possibility of reducing the cost of the Project, particularly a suggestion reported recently in the "Hindustan Times" dated 9 April, 1990;

(c) if so, the outcome of the study;

(d) further steps to be taken in regard to the Project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The estimated cost of Mangalore-Roha (837 km) is Rs. 1043 crores. Railway line exists between Bombay and Roha.

(b) and (c). The suggestions contained in the news report in the Hindustan Times of

9.4.90 are too sketchy for any details study.

(c) The project has already been approved: Mangalore-Udupi in 1989-90 and Udupi-Roha in 1990-91 Railway Budget.

[*Translation*]

Employment to dependents of Kuju Colliery workers

8634. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers who died in harness in Kuju colliery during the last five years and the number of family members of deceased labourers provided employment;

(b) the number of cases still pending; and

(c) the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Out of eighty two labourers who died in harness in Kuju Colliery during the last five years, dependants of sixty one have been provided employment. As regards the remaining twenty one deceased employees, the dependants of only three have applied for employment and their applications are under scrutiny.

Flag Station At Piloda

8635. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3 Dn Frontier Mail had derailed on Delhi-Bombay broad gauge line near Piloda in Sawai Madhopur district on 22 June, 1989;

(b) if so, the loss of life and property

suffered therein;

(c) whether the public of this areas who assisted the railway authorities in providing necessary help to the stranded passengers was assured that a Flag station would be constructed at Piloda in public interest with all basic passenger amenities; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no loss of life. Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 1,65 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir. Flag station with basic passenger amenities already exists at Piloda. However, on a separate demand received from the Sarpanch of village Piloda, the proposal for opening of passenger half near Piloda village between Chhoti Odai and Piloda stations was examined but not found operationally feasible.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Supply of Water and Food in Kerala Express

8636. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply purified water satchets in Kerala Express from Delhi to Trivandrum;

(b) whether the food supplied in this trains is prepared in the base kitchen than in the pantry car of the train; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?