

ent, there is no proposal for setting up gas based power plants in Kerala for examination in Central Electricity Authority regarding techno-economic clearance. However, a Feasibility Report in regard to the setting up of 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, based on LSHS/fuel/oil/natural gas, at Brahmapuram, Cochin at an estimated cost of Rs. 106.66 crores was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from the Kerala State Electricity Board, in April, 1988. The proposal could be processed by the CEA for techno-economic clearance after the fuel availability is confirmed; other requisite inputs are tied up and necessary clearances have been obtained by the State Electricity Board.

Bridge Across Revas-Karanja Harbour

8724. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for constructing railway bridge across the Revas-Karanja harbour with a railway line going to Uran and Thal Vaish joining the Konkan railway;

(b) if so, the time by which Government are likely to take a decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Uran is already connected by rail to Konkan Railway line at Panvel. Due to constraint of resources it would be difficult to connect Thal Vaishet.

[*Translation*]

Cadre Review of Booking Clerks and Ticket Collectors on Western Railway

8725. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of Booking Clerks and Tickets Collectors as per the existing cadre of Commercial Department in Western Railway Suburban Block;

(b) how many times and when the cadre review of th Department has been done during the last decade; and

(c) when the next review would be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Information is being collected from the Western Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Different cadres of Commercial Department on Railways were reviewed in January, 1979 and in December, 1983.

(c) Next review will be taken ups as and when a committee on cadre review is constituted.

[*English*]

Abolition of Suburban Train Services in Calcutta

8726. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a plan to gradually withdraw suburban train services since these involved heavy subsidies;

(b) whether in consequence, Divisional Railway authorities in Sealdah, West Bengal have been converting many short distance trains into long-distance ones and suspending some of the local services;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review this plan which aims at denying a public utility service; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(c) and (d). Do not arise

[*Translation*]

Restoration of Trains Between Fatuha and Islampur, Bihar

8727. SHRI R.S. PRASAD. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains on meter gauge line between Fatuha and Islampur (Bihar) on Eastern Railway were used to run regularly during the last three years;

(b) whether serious problem of transport has developed in this densely populated area after discontinuing train services on this railway line; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to restore train services on this railway line, if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Central Government was incurring losses on the working of this line, which was also considered unsafe for running of

trains. This line was, therefore, dismantled with the permission of State Government. Due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand, there is no proposal to restore this line at present.

[*English*]

Security of Trains on Suburban Railway Bombay

8728. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the security measures adopted for round the clock vigil in railway yards where passenger rakes are stationed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Railway yards where passenger rakes are stationed are adequately guarded by the Railway Protection Force personnel and the supervisory officers regularly check them. Instructions exist that all passenger rakes are thoroughly searched before placement on platform.

Model Stations

8729. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the construction of model railway stations so far; and

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Upto 31.3.1990, Rs. 35.25 crore have been spent on the work of Model Stations.

(b) Rs. 25.35 crore. However, as the emphasis has shifted towards basic passenger amenities at all stations, eventually the expenditure on model stations during 1990-91 is likely to be substantially less.