

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे की मैलानी-कोड़ियाला घाट लाइन पर जो रेलगाड़िया चलती हैं वे बहुत ही धीमी गति से चलती हैं ?

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का इन रेल गाड़ियों की गति बढ़ाने के लिये कोई उपाय करने का विचार है ?

रे.वे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) मैलानी-कोड़ियाला घाट सेक्शन में गाड़ियों की रफ्तार पर पाबन्दी लगायी गयी है। गाड़ियाँ अधिक से अधिक १५ मील प्रति घंटा की रफ्तार से चलायी जा सकती हैं।

(ख) यह पाबन्दी इसलिए लगायी गयी है क्योंकि रेल की पटरिया बहुत अधिक घिस गयी हैं और फिश प्लेट टूटे फूटे हैं।

(ग) जी हा। १९५८-५९ में घिसी हुई पटरियों को हटा कर काम लायक चुनी हुई पटरियाँ बिछाने का विचार है। उम्मीद है इसके बाद गाड़ियों को अधिक से अधिक २० मील प्रति घंटा की रफ्तार से चलाने का इजाजत दी जा सकेगी।

Loading Platform at Naigaum Station

791. Shri Naushir Bharucha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a great need for a Loading Platform for loading of salt at the new Naigaum Railway Station (between Bhayndar and Bassein Road on Western Railway) Bombay;

(b) whether Government have decided to construct such a loading platform before the 31st March, 1958; and

(c) if so, how far the work has progressed and what amount is earmarked for this project?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Recently a request has, however, been received from the Bhayandar Salt Merchants and Dealers Association for providing salt loading facilities at this station. There is no motorable road leading to the railway station and in the absence of this, it would not be possible for the merchants to bring the consignments to the station for booking. The Association has informed that they are making efforts to provide a good motorable road. The question of providing goods booking facilities at this station will, therefore, be examined on the basis of the traffic demand at a later date when a motorable road is available, keeping in view demands at other stations of equal importance.

(c) Does not arise.

Research on Fisheries

792. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the expenditure incurred during 1956-57 for research in fisheries?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The expenditure on research work conducted at the Central Fisheries Research Stations at Calcutta and Mandapam Camp and the Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay, during 1956-57 was Rs 21,12,965

C. H. S. Scheme

793. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the present number of Central Government Servants other than those in the Defence, Post and Telegraph Department and Railways contributing compulsorily towards the C. H. S. Scheme?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The present number of Central Government Servants other than those in the Defence, Posts & Telegraphs Department and Railways contributing towards Contributory Health Service Scheme is 67,433.