

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Why should we feed other countries when we are not able to feed our own people?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** That way we will be able to increase our agricultural production also.

### Electrification Programme of Railways

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\*265. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
       { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
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Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether measures have been taken to rephase the electrification programme of the Railways to ensure movement of additional one million tons of coal to Calcutta for shipment to Western and Southern India;

(b) if so, what steps were taken and whether the arrangements have been completed; and

(c) what major changes have been made in the programme?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Besides taking up electrification of additional branch lines in coal field areas around Anara, Adra, etc., target dates for electrification of the following sections near Calcutta have been advanced:

Section	From	To
1. Durgapur-Burdwan-Saktigach	Early IV Plan	Dec. '64
2. Bandel-Burdwan conversion	Do.	Do.
3. Sealdah South	Sept. '65	March '65
4. Saktigach-Calcutta Dkoos, via chord.	Early IV Plan	Dec. '64
5. Howrah-Bandel, including Tarakeswar Branch—Conversion.	Do.	Dec. '65

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know what further progress has been made to have electrification from Howrah to Mognalsarai and when the entire programme is likely to be completed?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The work on the civil engineering side is in progress and other connected preliminaries for electrification are well in hand. We hope that up to Kanpur the work will be completed during the Third Five Year Plan period.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that lakhs and lakhs of kilowatts of electrical energy is going waste in the Chambal hydel scheme and it is not being utilised for running the railways; if so, when a scheme will be placed before the House for the utilisation of all that energy?

**Mr. Speaker:** It is too far-fetched. He is telling us that some energy is being lost in the Chambal project and that it should be utilised for electrification of railways.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Swaran Singh):** I think the Irrigation and Power Ministry has got programmes for utilisation of the electrical energy produced in the Chambal project.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** 1,40,000 kilowatts are going waste.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** May I know whether the Government have under consideration electrification of areas round about Vijayawada which is one of the worst bottle-necks in the railway transport in the south?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** For the time being there are no such plans, and we feel that with the doubling of the tracks we will be able to cope with all the traffic that is offering on that side.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** With reference to part (a) of the question, could we have any idea as to by what time the railway electrification programme will enable us to carry the

additional one million tons?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** By about December 1964.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या सकार को पता है कि बिजली से रेलवे चलाने में जो बिजली खर्च होगी, उससे आर्डनेंस फ़ैक्ट्रीज़ सफ़र करेगी और डेढ़ लाख एग्ज़िक्यूटिव कनसर्न्ज को नुकसान होगा ?

**श्री शाहनवाज़ खां :** अगर बिजली से गाड़ियां चलेंगी, तो उससे ज़राअत या किसी और चीज़ पर कोई असर पड़ने वाला नहीं है। यह बिल्कुल अलाहिदा चीज़ होगी।

**Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:** May I know whether the Railway Ministry has got any plant to electrify the Howrah-Burdwan Chord Section of Howrah Division?

**Mr. Speaker:** Each section cannot be taken up like that here.

#### Export of Steam Locomotives

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366. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
 { **Shri S. B. Das:**  
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
 { **Shri N. R. Laskar:**  
 { **Shri B. K. Das:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further progress has been made in the proposal to export steam locomotives to foreign countries and to search for the market;

(b) whether any countries have come forward with the proposal to have the locomotives; and

(c) if so, which countries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) There has been no success so far though efforts are being continued.

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

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether we have got any excess locomotives which can be exported and,

if so, what is the number at present?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** There is no question of any extra surplus being immediately available for export, but if orders are placed we can certainly export some steam locomotives.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** What type of locomotives do Government propose to export?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** As I said, some steam locomotives, both broad-gauge and metre-gauge, made at Chittaranjan and at Telco.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether we have canvassed any country so far in this respect?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Unfortunately, in the neighbouring countries they are going in more and more for diesel engines and there is no demand for steam engines.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What are the difficulties in the way of export of these locomotives? Have any difficulties been experienced by those countries where they have been put for sale?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** As I said, what we can export are steam locomotives. Unfortunately, in the neighbouring countries they are going in more and more for diesel locomotives with the result that we are not able to market the steam locomotives which we can export.

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क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यद्यपि पहिले यह निश्चय किया गया था, कि विभागातिरिक्त कर्मचारियों के भत्तों में वृद्धि न की जाये, तथापि बाद में उस निश्चय में परिवर्तन कर दिया गया था ;