

Construction of Cargo Ships at Hindustan Shipyard

*228. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 303 on the 20th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether formal agreement for construction of Cargo Ships has since been entered into by Hindustan Shipyard with M/s. Lubecker Flenderwerke, West Germany; and

(b) if so, the main terms of the agreement?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) and (b). The matter is being finalised with the German firm. A copy of the agreement when concluded will be placed on the Table of the House.

Extension of Service of Members of Railway Board

*229. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many members and additional members of the Railway Board have been granted extension of service after having reached the age of superannuation in the past three years;

(b) what were the special circumstances and reasons for granting of such extension of service; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to grant any further extensions to such of the incumbents as are still serving?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Five Members and Three Additional Members.

(b) The extensions were given in the public interest.

(c) This decision will be taken when the situation arises in the light of our needs.

Railway Link to Haldia

*231. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has requested the Railway Board to make a preliminary survey for a line to be linked with the proposed port at Haldia with Kharagpur on South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether the work has begun;

(c) how far is Haldia from Kharagpur; and

(d) whether Government propose to link the line with any other station between Howrah and Kharagpur for the purpose?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) The Railway Ministry have been requested to include this project in the Third Five Year Plan. It is, however, too early to undertake the preliminary survey as a final decision for locating a port at Haldia has not yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Fifty miles as the crow flies and seventy miles approximately for a railway line allowing for detours.

(d) It is too early to work out the details of the rail connection.

Power Connections for Industrial Establishments in Delhi

*232. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have decided not to give power connections to new industrial establishments for a considerable time; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.