

### **Contractual Workers in Barak Valley of Assam**

2842. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of oil and gas exploration in Barak Valley of Assam;

(b) whether more than four hundred educated youths have been working under the project as contractual workers since long without any break; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to regularise the services of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Two gas fields viz. Adamtilla and Banaskandi have been discovered by ONGC in Barak Valley.

(b) and (c). Since ONGC has not directly engaged these workers the question of their regularisation does not arise.

### **Coastal Railway in Andhra Pradesh**

2843. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a Coastal Railway line connecting Bapatla, Nizamapatnam-Repalle-Challapalli and Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### **Bridges in Karnataka**

2844. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a list of construction for road overbridges/road underbridges for inclusion in the railway works programme for 1992-93 was forwarded by the State Government of Karnataka to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the work of these projects will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

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

[Translation]

### **Halt of Trains at Firozabad Station**

2845. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to provide halt of important trains such as Gomati Express and Jayanti Janta Express at Firozabad station in view of inconvenience of the passengers;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government also propose to increase the first and second class reservation quota of Firozabad;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present level of traffic is being adequately catered to by 4 pairs of passenger trains and 12 pairs of Mail/Express trains including 2311/2312 Kalka Mail whose stoppage was provided at Firozabad w.e.f. 15.2.91.

(c) to (e). At present only second class reservation quota is available at Firozabad which is generally adequate to meet the existing level of demand. Due to meagre demand, there is no proposal to allot upper class quota at Firozabad.

#### **Electrification of Delhi-Ambala Route**

2846. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to electrify Delhi-Ambala railway line; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Electrification of Delhi-Ambala section has been included in Railway Budget for 1991-92 as a new work. It is likely to be completed in 1995-96 subject to availability of funds.

#### **Reservation Quota for Various Stations in Gujarat**

2847. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation quota for Delhi and Bombay has been fixed at Dholka, Dhandhuka, Bavla, Botad, Viramgam railway stations in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the extent of the quota fixed for each station; and

(c) if not, the time by which the quota will be made available there and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Reservatic quotas are available at stations other than Bavla.

(b) The following reservation quotas are available at Dholka, Dhandhuka, Botad and Viramgam Stations: