

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal has been kept for consideration in connection with a special series of stamps to be brought out on social reformers of India. It will, however, take some time before such a series is brought out.

Movement of Coal to Punjab

334. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps being taken to relieve the wagon shortage for the movement of coal to Punjab?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Movement of coal to Punjab takes place in the direction above Moghalsarai from Bengal and Bihar coalfields on the basis of the allocation made by the Coal Controller for that State. No separate movement quotas are fixed for Punjab.

Apart from augmenting rolling stock required to step up coal loading in general, in addition to the electrification of Grand Chord upto Moghalsaria the following measures are being taken to further step up movement of coal to destinations in the above Moghalsarai direction:—

- (i) Introduction of diesel traction on the Moghalsarai-Saharanpur Section for goods traffic.
- (ii) Electrification of the Moghalsarai—Kanpur Section during the III Plan.
- (iii) Complete doubling of the Ghaziabad-Tundla, Moradabad-Saharanpur and Kanpur-Allahabad sections.

Railway line connecting Nangal Dam With Pong Dam

335. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line to

connect Nangal Dam with Pong Dam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Booking of Goods from Belanganj (Agra) Goods Station

336. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the booking of goods to outstations from Belanganj (Agra) goods station has declined in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the figures for 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62;

(c) what are the reasons for the decline; and

(d) whether facilities available at other stations have been denied there such as:

- (i) direct booking by meter gauge to stations on the Southern Railway as is done from Hathras and Achnera;
- (ii) ready availability of wagons for destinations on the Western Railway from wayside stations of Midhakur and Kiraoli (instead of Belanganj).
- (iii) priorities granted by Trade Commissioner for Assam from Hathras and Kanpur (and not Agra)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (d). The information is not readily available. It has been called for from Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Transfer of Vigilance Inspectors under Railway Board

337. Shri P. G. Sen: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: