

Thermal Units in Private Sector

2340. Shri Himatsinghka: Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain industrialists from Madras, Coimbatore and Tuticorin have offered to set up their own thermal units for generation of power;

(b) whether this has the approval of the Madras Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government have taken any decision in regard thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Government of Madras had sponsored a proposal of a group of industrialists for the installation of their own thermal plant of 60 MW capacity at Ennore near Madras.

(c) The proposal was not accepted.

P and T Offices in Himachal Pradesh

2341. Shri Pratap Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state the number of Post and Telegraph offices and their locations which are proposed to be opened during 1962-63 in Himachal Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):

Post Offices*Already opened*

1. Bata Mandi
2. Gorkhowala
3. Siwa
4. Maloh
5. Jhangi
6. Deem
7. Rohil
8. Kugti
9. Ohra
10. Tindi

Proposed to be opened

1. Churi
2. Balu
3. Khadyad
4. Panarsa
5. Shalla
6. Ghangu
7. Sharachi
8. Susan
9. Berl
10. Sairi
11. Behli
12. Majhwar
13. Kalni
14. Ghanghanoon
15. Sadhiani
16. Poura Kothi
17. Bhini
18. Giltar
19. Dharogra
20. Shakra
21. Malhat
22. Chuniar
23. Lahara
24. Diur
25. Saich
26. Baghdhar
27. Gola
28. Saroga
29. Badhana
30. Koohat
31. Bheura
32. Sharia
33. Barahin-Baldawara
34. Nanwan
35. Pajyal
36. Charol
37. Jojhwin
38. Deeya
39. Koot
40. Charrang
41. Gumman
42. Baldian
43. Charoli.

Telegraph Offices*Already opened*

1. Gohar

Proposed to be opened.

1. Tissa
2. Berthin
3. Lehri Sarail
4. Sarahan
5. Sawra.

Import of Diesel Locomotives

2342. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 476 on the 10th August, 1962 and state:

(a) the number of narrow gauge diesel locos. proposed to be imported during the Third Plan period; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange involved in it?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Sixty Diesel Locomotives.

(b) Rs. three crores approximately.

Bridge over Sutlej in Himachal Pradesh

2343. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Chief Minister has approached the Central Government for the construction of an inter-State Bridge over Sutlej at Datta Nagar (Himachal Pradesh) to connect Himachal Pradesh with Punjab (Kulu Saraj Area); and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is being examined.

New Railway Lines for Export of Iron Ores

2344. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to facilitate the export of iron ores in Bihar and Orissa the schemes for the construction of new Railway lines are under active consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have received any suggestions in the matter by the Eastern Zone Mining Association; and

(d) if so, the action taken on their suggestions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes Sir, from Orissa and also from Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The following new lines are already under construction:

(A) Bimlagarh-Kiriburu and Sambalpur-Titlagarh, in Orissa for the export of 2 million tons of iron ore per annum ex-Kiriburu via Visakhapatnam Port.

(B) Kottavalasa to Becheli, (in Dandakaranya area) a part of which will lie in Orissa State, for the export of 4 million tons of iron ore per year via Visakhapatnam Port.

A survey is under consideration for a new railway line between Tomka and Jakhapura in Orissa for the export of 2 million tons of iron ore via Paradeep Port.

(c) Not for construction of new lines.

(d) Does not arise.