

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.