

Telephone Trunk Calls

1733. Shri Mohsin: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone trunk calls between Hubli and Dharwar are sometimes delayed by 3-4 hours causing great hardship to the subscribers;

(b) the steps being taken to expedite the implementation of automatic exchange which was due to come into operation in April, last; and

(c) the steps taken to treat the calls between Hubli and Dharwar as local calls as both the towns are being brought under the Corporation?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes. But such delays occur only when there is line interruption. Normally, average delays are less than 30 minutes.

(b) The installation of 1200 lines automatic exchange has just been commenced at Hubli. The equipment is likely to be cut over after about a year.

(c) Additional lines and equipment required for providing "no-delay" service between Hubli & Dharwar are being provided and the telephone service between these places will be provided on a local basis soon after this work is completed.

Transportation of Iron Ore

1734. Shri Mohsin: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exporters of iron ore from Karwar and Belekeri ports have represented to Government that they are not getting the adequate number of railway wagons to carry ore up to Hubli; and

(b) if so, the arrangements being made to facilitate the transport of ore to Hubli?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Movement of iron ore for export is on account of State Trading Corporation and, in the export year 1962-63, the demands have been satisfactorily met.

To meet with the additional demands from the State Trading Corporation, the rail transport capacity is being further augmented.

Train Service between Hubli and Davangere

1735. Shri Mohsin: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run an additional train between Hubli and Davangere to stop overcrowding in trains in that section and also to facilitate passengers travelling from stations where express trains do not stop; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The need for an additional train between Hubli and Birur is recognised. The question of introducing an additional train between Hubli and Birur will be considered when adequate locomotive powers for this purpose are available.

पालनपुर स्टेशन के पास ऊपरी पुल

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श्री बाडीबा :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पालनपुर-अहमदाबाद (पश्चिम रेलवे) के दरम्यान पालनपुर के पास जो रेलवे क्रॉसिंग है उस पर ऊपरी पुल बनाने की कोई योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह कब तक बनेगा ?