

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4821/65]. giving details steamer-wise of the demurrage as regards the ships loaded against direct contracts of the MMTC. In respect of contracts of the shippers which are canalised through the MMTC and other shippers, the requisite information about demurrage etc., in respect of such shipment is not available with the MMTC. That can be had from the Ministry of Transport.

(c) and (d). As regards the direct contract of the MMTC, the net demurrage paid on payable by the MMTC over the period January-June 1965 amounts to the equivalent of Rs. 6.74 lakhs payable in foreign currency apart from Rs. 3.39 lakhs payable in rupees.

Conversion of Narrow Gauge into Broad Gauge on Western Railway

1957. Shri Chhotabhai Patel: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government have decided to convert the present Narrow Gauge Broach-Samni-Dahej and Samni-Jambusar-Vishvamitri line on the Western Railway into Broad Gauge and execute the same in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): No.

Import of Books

1958. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the decision taken by the local booksellers to enhance the exchange rate of both shilling and dollars due to the cut in the allocation of foreign exchange for the import of books;

(b) if so, whether various dealers are free to enhance the exchange rates on their goods; and

(c) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no price control on books and as such book-sellers are free to charge reasonable price on imported books.

(c) Does not arise. So far no complaints of this nature have been received by Government.

Transmission Line Towers on S.E. Railway

1959. Shri Mohammed Elias: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the 132 KV. transmission line towers between Kharagpur and Howrah was knocked down on the South Eastern Railway in the first week of May, 1965 resulting in the prolonged power failures in Calcutta area on the 7th and 14th May, 1965;

(b) if so, whether any request was made by the South Eastern Railway to remove the tower, which interfered in their works and the steps taken by both the DVC and the South Eastern Railway in this behalf; and

(c) the steps taken by both the organizations to see that the tower is not damaged during the progress of work?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4822/65].

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