

Diesel Locomotives

848. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the target of production of diesel locomotives at Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi during 1965-66;

(b) the actual production during 1965-66; and

(c) the percentage of import contents of these locomotives?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) 44 locomotives.

(b) Actual production was 39 locomotives plus 5 locomotives which were completed but were awaiting tests at the close of the year 1965-66.

(c) 75 per cent.

Freight on Wagon Load of Timber

849. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways propose to demand freight for 190 quintals for a wagon load of timber although the carrying capacity of the wagon is only 130 quintals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). The prescribed minimum weight condition for logs and bullies is 150 quintals per B.G. wagon. That means that freight charges are leviable on 150 quintals or the actual weight loaded, whichever may be more. Application of this minimum weight condition necessitates, therefore, weighment of each consignment. To do away with the need for weighment and save the consequent detention to consignments, the Eastern and South-Eastern Railways conducted test loadings and having found that logs and bullies could be loaded up to 190 quintals and more they notified 190 quintals as a

fixed weight for charge in local booking and in through booking between them. This took effect from 15th March, 1967.

(c) Yes.

(d) The matter is being looked into.

Four-Bogie Electric Trains on Sealdah Division

850. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of four-bogie electric trains now running on the Sealdah Division South Section;

(b) whether they are very much overcrowded; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to convert them into full size trains immediately?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) 78.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Detention of Trains at Ballygunge (E. Rly.)

851. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains were held up by passengers near Ballygunge Station (E. Rly.) on or about the 9th March, 1967 (morning);

(b) if so, the number of trains held up and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the General Manager was requested over the phone to send a senior officer to explain the reasons for the hold-up to the inconvenienced passengers;

(d) if so, whether a Senior Officer was sent;

(e) whether the Railway Police have submitted a report about this incident; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes, on 9th and 10th March, 1967.