

cations for revalidation or amendment of licences.

- (vi) The rules for the transfer of quota from one established importer to another have been simplified.

Guna-Maksi Railway Project

855. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the Guna-Maksi railway project in Madhya Pradesh stands at present;

(b) when it is expected to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in the project?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) The over-all physical progress achieved on this Project by the end of February, 1967, is 46 per cent.

(b) and (c). Due to paucity of funds, the target date for completion of this Project fixed for December, 1967, is likely to be further put back.

Running of an Additional Train between Tatanagar, Patna and Ranchi-Patna

856. Shri Shiva Chandika Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one train makes only one round trip between Tatanagar and Patna as also between Ranchi and Patna;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during Holi and Marriage season, i.e. between March, and July, a large number of passengers travel between Tatanagar and Patna and between Ranchi and Patna and the Passengers, particularly labourers have to face great difficulty because of shortage of accommodation in the South Bihar Express and Ranchi-Patna Express; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce one additional Express Train at least thrice a week between Tatanagar-Patna and Ranchi both ways, during March to July?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c), Nos. 87-88 South Bihar Expresses, 24/23 Ranchi-Patna Expresses and two through service coaches, viz., one composite I & III and one III between Patna and Tatanagar via Gaya, cater adequately to the volume and pattern of traffic offering between Patna on the one hand, Tatanagar and Ranchi on the other, throughout the year, including during the period from March to July. There is, thus no justification for introduction of an additional Express train even triweekly on Patna-Tatanagar and Patna-Ranchi sections from March to July.

Tea Industry

857. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee set up to go into the problems of the tea industry and to recommend measures for increasing its production, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement its recommendations?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir. They have yet to start their work.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Electricity Meter Industry

858. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that single-phase and poly-phase electricity