

Branch for the period from 1-10-1964 to 31-3-1965 and from 1-10-1965 to 30-9-1966 is, however, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1341/67].

Closing of passenger traffic on Patna-Digha Section

8080. Shri Ramavatar Shastri:
Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:
Shri K. M. Madhukar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger traffic on Patna-Digha section of the Eastern Railway has been closed down with effect from the 1st April, 1967 in order to wipe out the heavy loss incurred by the Railway Administration on this section; and

(b) if so, what new changes in the working aspect of the Section have been introduced since 1st April, 1967 and what is the amount of saving on each item of the changes made?

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

(b) With the withdrawal of mixed trains, goods trains are being run to clear the goods traffic on this section. Particulars of saving on account of withdrawal for passenger services on this section are not readily available.

Supply of Steel Sheets to Integral Coach Factory

8081. Shri Nanja Gowder: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 6,000 tonnes of special steel sheets supplied to the Integral Coach Factory by a French firm are below specification; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes. About 6,000 tonnes of steel sheets supplied to the Integral Coach Factory by a

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French Steel Export firm have been reported by the Coach Factory to contain copper less than 0.2 per cent to 0.35 per cent specified. In regard to surface finish, tensile strength, other physical properties and chemical composition, the sheets were reported as according to specifications.

(b) The complaint regarding this deficiency and obtaining compensation for it, is being examined by the Director General, India Supply Mission, London.

खादी तथा ग्रामीणों का आयोग, नई दिल्ली का सूचना विभाग

8082. श्री डा० सुन्दरलाल :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नई दिल्ली स्थित खादी तथा ग्रामीणों का आयोग के सूचना विभाग पर प्रति वर्ष कितना खर्च किया जा रहा है;

(ख) उक्त कार्यालय में काम पर लगे कर्मचारियों की श्रेणीवार संख्या कितनी है और उनके वेतनक्रम क्या हैं; और

(ग) इस कार्यालय को दिल्ली में स्थित करने के क्या कारण हैं जबकि आयोग का मुख्यालय बम्बई में है ?

वाणिज्य उपमंत्री (श्री शफी कुरैशी):

(क) 1966-67 में 85,684 रुपये ।

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