

Bogies Running between Delhi and Hyderabad

4992. Shri Shiv Chandrika Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the first class bogies running between Delhi and Hyderabad and vice-versa have not been provided with showers; and

(b) if so, the steps to be taken to provide the same?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No. All First Class bogies running between Delhi and Hyderabad and vice-versa are provided with shower roses, but there are instances when these have to be blanked off due to thefts

(b) Does not arise

Iron Ore Mining at Badampahar and Gorumahisani

4993. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state

(a) whether the TISCO authorities propose to close down their iron ore mines at Badampahar and Gorumahisani in Orissa,

(b) if so, reasons for such closure;

(c) whether Government's approval has been sought, and

(d) the number of workers who are likely to be rendered unemployed due to this closure?

The Minister of Steel Mines and Metals (Dr Chenna Reddy): (a) & (b). According to the information received from the Company, Messrs. Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., propose to close down their iron ore mines at Badampahar and Gorumahisani. The reasons for the proposed closure are

stated to be that at Gorumahisani reserves of good Ore have been exhausted and at Badampahar the Ore is soft and produces approximately 60 per cent fines and is not considered beneficial for efficient operation of Blast Furnaces. The cost of raising the Ore is also stated to have become uneconomical.

(c) It is understood from the Company that notice, for surrendering the lease from March 1, 1968, has been served on the State Government in February 1967, under the terms of the lease

(d) The firm have informed that the total number of labour employed at these mines both by the Steel Co and Contractors is at present 2620. They have further stated that they propose to absorb the skilled labour in other mines wherever possible and the rest are expected to avail of the voluntary retirement benefits offered.

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4994. श्री बंदा नारायण सिंह :

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श्री केदार पस्वान :

श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में उत्तर रेलवे पर मौढ भादोही, परसीपुर, कपसाती, सेवापुरी और चौखडी स्टेशनों के निकट कुएँ सूख गये हैं, जिनके परिणामस्वरूप यात्रियों को जल नहीं मिल रहा है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो जल की सप्लाई के लिये सरकार ने तत्काल क्या प्रबन्ध किये हैं; और