

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.

उत्तरप्रदेश में उत्तर रेलवे के स्टेशनों पर जल की सप्लाई

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 मौड भादोही, परसीपुर, कपसाती, सेवापुरी और चौखडी स्टेशनों के निकट कुए 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

(ग) उन कुओं की और अधिक खुदाई करने के लिए सरकार तत्काल क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

रेलमवे मंत्री (श्री जे० ए० पुनाचा) :

(क) इन स्टेशनों के कुएं अभी नहीं सूखे हैं। अग्रे, 1967 में इनमें पानी अवनय कम हो गया था। फिर भी, यात्रियों को पानी पूर्ववत् दिया जाता रहा।

(ख) और (ग) पानी की सप्लाई बढ़ाने के लिए कुओं से गाद निकाली गयी, जिसके फलस्वरूप उनसे अधिक पानी मिलने लगा।

Production in Nepa Paper Mills

4995. Shri D. C. Sharma Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the production in the Nepa Paper Mills during 1966-67,

(b) how it compares with the production during the previous year,

(c) the target of production in the Nepa Paper Mills laid down by Government for the current year, and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b) Production during 1966-67 was 29,554 tonnes as compared to 30,347 tonnes in 1965-66

(c) and (d) The target during the year 1966-67 for production in Nepa Mills is 30,000 tonnes which is also its rated capacity. As this has already been achieved the question of taking any further steps to reach the target does not arise.

S T C. and M. M T. C.

4996. Shri D. C. Sharma Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state,

(a) the number of barter/parallel deals entered into by the State Trading Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during 1966-67, and

(b) whether the text of the deals will be placed on the Table?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The S T C and the M M T C have concluded 5 and 2 barter/parallel deals, respectively, during the year 1966-67.

(b) As these are commercial transactions, it is not possible to place all their voluminous texts on the Table of the House.

Goods Traffic

4997. Shri D. N. Patodia:

Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that erratic and irregular goods traffic in the country has upset all investment and created lot of operational difficulties for the Railways,

(b) if so what measures have been devised by Government to regulate goods traffic and to implement the programme worked out; and

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to irregular goods traffic during the last year?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (c) Development of freight traffic in the Third Plan was not uniform, the increases in each successive year of the Plan being 4.3, 13.3, 12.3, 2.7 and 9.3 million tonnes of originating traffic. The total materialisation of originating traffic in the last year of the Third Plan was 203 million tonnes, as against an anticipated 245 million tonnes. These violent fluctuations did cause difficulties in working for the Railways, but these were overcome by bringing into use new assets and by more intensive utilisation of existing ones.