

Reservation in 2-Tier and 3-Tier Bogies in Assam Mail

8941. Shri Valmiki Choudhary:
Shri Ram Kishan:
Shri Prem Chand Verma:
Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:
Shri Mrityunjay Prasad:
Shri S. N. Shukla:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats/berths reserved in 2-Tier and 3-Tier bogies in Assam Mail which left Delhi Junction Station for Barauni on the 30th June, 1967, morning;

(b) whether all the reserved accommodation was provided to the passengers concerned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) 40 Third class seats and 28 sleeper berths in the sitting-cum-three tier sleeper coach and 47 third class seats and 11 sleeper berths in the two tier sleeper coach were reserved by No. 86 Dn. Assam Mail that left Delhi on 30-6-1967.

(b) No. All the passengers who had reserved accommodation referred to in reply to part (a) of the Question were provided only with reserved third class seats.

(c) The scheduled third class sleeper coaches could not be run on the train as they were marked sick for repairs and no spare sleeper coaches were available.

Cement Factories in Himachal Pradesh

8942. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government have sent any proposals for the setting up of cement factories; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) The Himachal Pradesh Government had made a request to the Cement Corporation of India Ltd. to set up a cement factory at Paonta;

(b) The Cement Corporation had asked the Geological Survey of India to undertake surveying and prospecting of the limestone deposits at Paonta region. The prospecting report has been received and is expected to be finalised shortly. The question of setting up of a cement plant at Paonta by the Cement Corporation can only be decided on the basis of this final report giving the quality and extent of cement grade limestone as well as in the light of funds available with the Corporation and claims of other suitable locations.

Mandi Rock Salt Mines

8943. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the mechanisation of the Mandi Rock Salt Mines and whether any seams of the salt resembling those of Khewra mines have been found;

(b) the amount allotted for it during the last two years and the amount to be allotted to it for the current financial year; and

(c) the target date for its full mechanisation?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) A detailed study on methods of developing a mechanised rock salt mine at Mandi has been undertaken. No seams have been found as such, as no geological exploration of the region has been carried out so far. On the basis of surface and other geological examination by Geological Survey of India and Indian Bureau of Mines so far made, there appears to be adequate reason to believe the existence of enough reserves in the Guma and Dhrang region. This