

Railway Line from Nizamabad to Warangal

3522. Shri M. N. Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the proposed new Railway line from Nizamabad to Warangal via Karimnagar;

(b) whether the scheme has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). The proposals for new lines for the Fourth Plan are still to be finalised. However, as the State Government have also not recommended this line for construction during the Fourth Plan period and due to limitation of funds, there are very little chances of this line being included in the Railways Fourth Plan framework.

Issue of Licences in Pondicherry

3523. Shri Ramabhadra Naidu: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire importers of Yanam and Mahe in the territory of Pondicherry had been left out, without valid reasons, from the first licensing policy issued for Pondicherry territory;

(b) whether none of the importers from Mahe and Yanam were granted any special additional licences which were granted to the merchants at Pondicherry and Karaikal; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such discrimination and the steps taken to rectify them?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinanath Singh): (a) No, Sir. The Import and Export (Control) Act, 1947 was extended to the former French Establishments on 1st November, 1954. Accordingly, all eligible

importers falling within the jurisdiction of former French Indian Establishments could apply for Import licences to the Controller of Imports and Exports, Pondicherry.

(b) No, Sir. Importers of Mahe and Yanam were also granted additional special licences which were granted to merchants at Pondicherry and Karaikal.

(c) Does not arise.

रेलवे मुख्यालय, बड़ौदा हाउस (नई दिल्ली) में उत्सव

3524. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर रेलवे के मुख्यालय बड़ौदा हाउस, नई दिल्ली, में प्रखिल भारतीय रेलवे महिला संघ के तत्वाधान में प्रतिवर्ष फरवरी में एक उत्सव मनाया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या हैं;

(ग) इस से प्रयाजकों को किस प्रकार लाभ पहुंचता है;

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों में प्रति वर्ष इन उत्सवों पर कितनी राशि व्यय की गई; और

(ङ) वह राशि कहां से प्राप्त होती है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री डे० सु० पुनाचा) :

(क) जी हां लेकिन यह उत्तर रेलवे महिला समिति के तत्वाधान में मनाया जाता है, प्रखिल भारतीय महिला संघ के तत्वाधान में नहीं।

(ख) इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य रेल मंत्री की कल्याण और सहायता निधि तथा समय