

- (b) if so, the causes thereof; and
 (c) if not, what is the actual position ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
 (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The drop was due partly to early onset of monsoon, partly to floods and breaches and also to some extent on account of diversion of short distance traffic from rail to road.

The position has since been reversed and in the year 1969-70 the passenger traffic registered an increase over the previous year 1968-69.

- (c) Does not arise.

Demands of paper during Fourth Plan

7810. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated demands of various types of paper, year-wise, during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the estimated installed capacity of the paper units in the country at present; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem arising out of the estimated demands, year-wise, during the Fourth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) According to the studies carried out by the Development Council for Pulp, Paper and Allied Industries the demand for paper and paper boards (excluding newsprint and strawboard/millboards) dur-

ing the 4th Five-Year Plan is likely to be as under :—

Year	Tonnes
1969-70	725,000
1970-71	785,000
1971-72	845,000
1972-73	900,000
1973-74	960,000

Cultural papers (printing and writing papers) constitute about 60% of the total demand and the balance 40% is the demand for industrial papers (packing and wrapping papers and paper boards).

(b) The present installed capacity for paper and paper boards is about 7,68,000 tonnes which is expected to increase to about 8,13,000 tonnes by 1972 as a result of completion of four expansion schemes and one new scheme under implementation in the private sector.

(c) Recently, a few proposals for expansion of the existing units and establishment of some new units in the private sector have been received. Decision on these proposals is likely to be taken shortly. If all these proposals are accepted and implemented, there will be an increase in the installed capacity by about 1,96,000 tonnes. Apart from the above, it has also been decided to establish a capacity of 80,000 tonnes for manufacture of Printing and Writing paper in the public sector by the end of Fourth Plan period.

Stoppage of West Coast Express at Badagara

7811. SHRI A SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation urging the stoppage of the West Coast Express at Badagara on the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the above request; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?