

Completion of Feeder Canal of Farakka Barrage

55. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made about maintaining time schedule for completion of feeder canal of the Farakka Barrage; and

(b) whether the time schedule is being maintained?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) About 92 per cent of the work of the excavation of Feeder Canal has already been completed.

(b) Every effort is being made to maintain time schedule of completing the excavation of Feeder Canal by December, 1973.

Reduction in voting age

56. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:

SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision regarding the reducing of the voting age from 21 to 18 years; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b). The proposal requires careful consideration from all aspects and some more time is likely to be taken to arrive at a decision.

Discontent among Railway Employees on Non-submission of Pay Commission Report

57. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE.
SHRI D. K. PANDA.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is serious discontent among the Railway employees because of the non-submission of the Pay Commission Report; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Representations have been received from Railway employees for expeditious submission of Pay Commission's Report

(b) It is expected that the Commission will submit its report as early as practicable

Introduction of Rajdhani Express between Delhi and Madras

58. SHRI S M BANERJEE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to introduce Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Madras; and

(b) if so, when the Rajdhani Express is expected to be introduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No

(b) Does not arise