

as providing individual taps, individual latrines and baths to Quarters of Class IV staff, improvement to drainage and roads etc. It is the constant endeavour of the Railway Administration to keep Railway premises, including Railway quarters and colonies, neat and tidy. White-washing of staff quarters is done once in 2/2½ years except in the case of quarters for class IV staff where this is done annually. Repairs to quarters like replacement of broken doors and windows, repairs to floors, drains etc. are carried out as and when required and every effort is made to keep the quarters in good state of maintenance.

Complaints have also been received regarding inadequate facilities in the old type railway quarters built in the pre-Independence days. The Railway Administration is aware of the problem. Basic facilities lacking in some of these quarters will be provided on a programmed basis according to the availability of funds. Quarters which have outlived their normal life and are beyond economic repairs are progressively replaced by new quarters. While the old type I quarters (for low paid staff) were one room tenements, newly built type I quarters are two-roomed.

Sanitising of dry type latrines and provision of individual latrines and bath rooms where community latrines exist at present are also being done according to the availability of resources.

Supply of Oil to Nepal

2116. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the price at which oil has been supplied by India to Nepal during last two years; and

(b) whether the supplies to Nepal were made out of the country's own reserves or these are specially arranged on behalf of the Government of Nepal from the Arab countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) the quantity of petroleum products supplied by India to Nepal during the last two years is as follows:

Year	Quantity	
	(Metric Tonnage)	
1974	.	64,401
1975	.	77,998

It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information about price at which the above quantity has been supplied.

(b) Until 1974, supplies of petroleum products to Nepal were made out of our own availability. From January 1975 onwards, supplies to Nepal are being made on product exchange basis against imports arranged by the Nepal Oil Corporation.

Work on Apta-Dasgaon Railway

2117. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has been approached for sanctioning the work only on the Apta-Dasgaon section of the West Coast Railway;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) when will the work on this section be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a)

to (c). The Planning Commission who had recently been approached with a number of proposals for laying new rail links including Apta-Dasgaon have not agreed for taking up the proposed rail link at present. The proposal will be examined further after the results of the Traffic Survey and financial appraisal which is proposed to be carried out during the current financial year are known.

Funds for Bombay Metropolitan Railway Transport Project

2118. SHRI RAJA KULKARNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to clear the Bombay Metropolitan Railway Transport Project, for completion during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) how much funds have been sanctioned for construction of important parts of the truncated sixth corridor of this Metropolitan Project during 1976-77 and what progress has been made thereafter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Not yet.

(b) The Planning Commission are still examining these proposals.

Revision of Examination Scheme for Combined Engineering Services and Electronics Engineering Services

2119. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission has revised the examination scheme for the combined engineering services and the electronics engineering services; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the time by which it is likely to come into force?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, in respect of all groups of Engineering Services.

(b) The revision pertains to the written test in Engineering subjects. From the 1977 examination onwards, candidates will be examined in 5 "core subjects" instead of in any 7 out of 10 to 12 specialised subjects as at present.

Railway Line from Fort Market to Ravalj Camp

2120. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a rail line from Fort Market to Ravalj Camp has been submitted by the Railway Board to the Planning Commission for its approval;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the reaction of the Commission thereto; and

(c) if the proposal is not cleared, how soon a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The first phase of Corridor 6 was proposed as a new pair of lines about 1½ Kms. long from Raoli Jn. on the Harbour Branch of the Central Railway to a new terminal at Fort Market, together with a railway flyover at Bandra to connect the Harbour Branch of the Central Railway to the slow lines of the Western Railway. This work was estimated to cost Rs. 67.21 crores at the April '74 price level.