

Survey for Railway line between Nizamabad and Ramagundam via Karimnagar

5767. SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey has been completed on the proposed railway line between Nizamabad and Ramagundam via Karimnagar; and

(b) if so, whether the report of the survey had been submitted and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). Surveys for construction of a broad gauge line from Ramagundam to Nizamabad and Hasanparti Road to Nizamabad via Karimnagar have recently been completed and the reports are under examination.

Non-payment of minimum wages to loaders at Maruadih Garhara Yards

5768. SHRI TARUN GOGOI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loaders at Maruadih Transshipment Yard, North Eastern Railway and those at Garhara Transshipment Yard (NER) are getting lesser rate of wages than prescribed by the Minimum Wages Commission;

(b) whether the loaders at Maruadih who have been working for 5 years or more have not been made regular and they are getting lesser amount of wages than they are entitled for; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to do justice to them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) Goods handling work at Transshipment Yards on the Railways is not a scheduled employment under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and no minimum

wage rate has, therefore, been notified by the Central Government in respect of the labour employed at Manduadih (not Maruadih) Transshipment Yard on the North Eastern Railway. The labour engaged at Garhara Transshipment Yard who are employed departmentally are paid at the revised scales of Pay.

(b) and (c). The transshipment work at Manduadih is performed by the labourers of erst-while Central Labour Depot now Central Employment Exchange (Labour) Gorakhpur, and Organisation of the Ministry of Labour, New Delhi. These labourers are not railway employees. They are recruited by the Central Employment Exchange (Labour) for a period of one year and are repatriated after completion of one year, as as such the question of making them regular railway employees does not arise. As per terms and conditions of agreements with the Central Employment Exchange, the loaders are, at present, paid Rs. 6/- per day and other facilities like kit uniforms, cooking utensils, residential accommodation, water and light, medical facilities are provided. Free passes at the time of joining duty as also at the time of repatriation, are also provided to them.

Catering system in Railway

5769. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that catering system in Railways is still not up to the mark as the food supplied is unhygienic; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) Every effort is being made to supply clean and hygienic food. If specific complaints or suggestions are brought to the notice of the Government, appropriate action will be taken.

(b) Railways have taken a number of steps such as adoption of modern culinary techniques, use of modern kitchen gadgets and equipments, setting up of base kitchens to provide 'ready-to-serve' meals on trains procurement of raw material and ingredients from standard sources to further improve the quality of service and food on the Railways. To ensure preparation of food under hygienic conditions base kitchens have been set up as cooking cleaning and washing of utensils in the cramped space of Dining Cars is not considered satisfactory. Strict instructions have been given to the Railways in regard to proper washing and cleaning of crockery cutlery, utensils etc and to maintain hygienic conditions in the catering establishments. Checks and surprise inspections are carried out regularly by Inspectors and Officers to ensure that these instructions are rigidly adhered to. Modern washing equipments like Sterilisers proper washing sinks with steam cleaning arrangements are being progressively provided in static as well as mobile units. At the big stations where catering activity is very brisk centralised washing arrangements are being set up. Railways give highest priority to cleanliness and hygiene in the catering establishments and a very close and constant watch is kept on this aspect.

Opening of Railway line from Arundhangi to Manapparai

5770 SHRI V S BLANCHEZHIAN
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware of the necessity of opening a railway line from Arundhangi to Manapparai so as to provide much needed facilities of transport for people in that area; and

(b) if so, the particulars of the proposal if any, for construction of the line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANAVATE) (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration at present for construction of a line from Arundhangi to Manapparai

सिन्थेटिक एंड केमिकल्स लिमिटेड, बरेली को दिया गया अलकोहल

5771 श्री सुरेन्द्र विक्रम : क्या पेट्रो-लियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सिन्थेटिक एंड केमिकल्स लिमिटेड, बरेली को प्रति माह कितने मूल्य का कितना अलकोहल दिया जाता है ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा) : उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार मैसर्स सिन्थेटिक्स एण्ड केमिकल्स लिमिटेड, बरेली द्वारा वर्तमान अलकोहल वर्ष में दिसम्बर, 1976 से जून, 1977 तक की अवधि के दौरान माह-वार उठाई गई अलकोहल की मात्रा निम्न प्रकार है .—

दिसम्बर 1976	44,48,793	7 लिटर
जनवरी 1977	58,21,555	8 लिटर
फरवरी 1977	65,58,597	4 लिटर
मार्च 1977	61,69,175	8 लिटर
अप्रैल 1977	58,06,887	४ लिटर
मई 1977	64,64,394	4 लिटर
जून 1977	55,28,699	8 लिटर
	4,07,98,104	1 लिटर

अलकोहल का कुल मूल्य 3,79,42,211 रुपये है। इसमें क्रय-कर शामिल नहीं है, जिसका मामला अभी न्यायालय में पड़ा है।