

Mani Halt in Jaunpur District

2604. SHRI YADVENDRA DUTT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether a full platform and a shade for facility of passengers are proposed to be constructed at Mani halt in Jaunpur district?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDEVATE): Manikalan halt is situated between Kheta Sarai and Maihrawan stations on Lucknow—Faizabad—Mughal Sarai Section of the Northern Railway. For the convenience of passengers a rail level platform of suitable length and a small waiting shed-cum-booking office already exist, which are considered adequate.

बरसठी स्टेशन से भदोही तक रेलवे लाइन का विस्तार

2605. श्री यादवेंद्र दत्त : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जोनपुर जिले में मडिया तहसील के कालीन उद्योग को बढ़ाने की दृष्टि से बरसठी स्टेशन से भदोही तक रेलवे लाइन का विस्तार करने का कार्य कब तक प्रारम्भ किया जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्रो (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) : विगत में उस ग्रेन सम्पर्क के सम्बन्ध में कोई जांच-पड़ताल नहीं की गयी है। संसाधनों की भारी तंगी के कारण इस समय इस लाइन के निर्माण पर विचार करना सम्भव नहीं हो पायेगा।

Derailment of Tiruchendur Passenger Train

2606. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently 100 passengers received serious injuries when the engine and two adjoining coaches of Tiruchendur passenger train bound

for Tirunelveli derailed between Seydunganilur and Palayankottai;

(b) if so, the facts of the accident;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in to the derailment; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDEVATE): (a) and (b). At about 19.47 hours on 6-6-77, while No. 756 Up Tiruchendur-Tirunelveli passenger train was running between Seyduganallur and Palayankottai stations on Madurai Divisions of Southern Railway, the engine along with two coaches next to it derailed. As a result of this accident, six persons sustained injuries, of whom one was grievous.

(c) and (d). Yes, According to the finding of the Inquiry Committee, the accident was due to an act of sabotage by some person or persons unknown. Police investigation is in progress.

Request by Shaw Wallace and Company for setting up Fertilizer Plant

2607. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shaw Wallace and Company has asked Government to allow the company to set up a fertilizer plant and a pesticide plant in the country;

(b) if so, decision of the Government thereon;

(c) when these plants are likely to be set up; and

(d) what will be their total capacities?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir.