

**Articles sold by Hawkers in Trains**

3222. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of hawkers sell articles in the running trains on almost all the routes in the country;

(b) whether they have been issued licences to do so;

(c) whether surprise checks are conducted by the railway authorities to see that unhygienic articles are not sold; and

(d) if so, how many persons have been prosecuted for selling such articles?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a)  
Yes, on certain routes.

(b) No, hawking in trains is not permitted.

(c) Yes, surprise checks are conducted to stop unauthorised hawking on the trains.

(d) During the year 1976-77, 11,457 unauthorised hawkers selling various articles were prosecuted.

**पेयजल की व्यवस्था रहित रेलवे स्टेशन**

3223. श्री राघव जी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में रेलवे स्टेशनों की कुल संख्या क्या है और उनमें से ऐसे स्टेशन कितने हैं जहाँ पर पेयजल की अभी तक व्यवस्था नहीं की गई है ;

(ख) क्या ग्रीष्म ऋतु में गाड़ियों पर यात्रियों को पानी पिलाने के लिए अतिरिक्त अस्थायी पानी वाले नियुक्त किये जाते ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कितने स्टेशनों पर यह व्यवस्था की जाती है ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) :

(क) 1-4-76 को देश में हाटों को छोड़ कर रेलवे स्टेशनों की कुल संख्या 7056 है। इन सभी स्टेशनों पर पीने के पानी की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं।

(ख) गर्मी के मौसम में जहां कहीं आवश्यक होता है अतिरिक्त अस्थायी पानी वालों की नियुक्ति कर के यात्रियों को पीने के पानी की सप्लाई के वर्तमान प्रबन्ध को सुदृढ़ कर दिया जाता है।

(ग) इस गर्मी के मौसम में 3737 स्टेशनों पर अतिरिक्त पानी वाले नियुक्त किये गये हैं

**Electrification of Adra-Kharagpur line (South Eastern Railway)**

3224. DR. BIJOY MONDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal or project for electrification of the railway track between Adra and Kharagpur in the South-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, by what time the work is likely to start and the likely time for completion of the work; and

(c) what are the reasons that this track is left out so far in so far as the electrification of the railway track is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a)  
No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Traffic density on the Adra-Kharagpur section is too low to qualify the section for electrification, which is capital intensive. Therefore, the investment in the project is not considered financially justified.

**Conversion of Bankura and Rai Nagar Line into Broad Gauge Line (South Eastern Railway)**

3225. DR. BIJOY MONDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision is being taken or likely to be taken in connection with the conversion of the narrow gauge railway line between Bankura and Rai Nagar in the South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) whether there is a proposal for extension of the rail line from Rai Nagar to Tarkeshwar in Eastern Railway at the time of the conversion as referred to in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). It is not possible to take up these projects at present on account of paucity of resources.

**Short Supply of Raw Material to National Organic Chemical Industries**

3226. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Organic Chemical Industries have pointed out that during the first five months of 1977 the company's turnover has been about Rs. 23.25 crores as compared to Rs. 24.53 crores in the same period last year;

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(b) if so, whether this shortfall in the turnover has been due to short supply of raw material and strikes;

(c) if so, steps being taken by Government to help the company;

(d) whether the company has plans to develop indigenous technology and has applied for industrial licences; and

(e) if so, whether Government have considered their application for issuing the licences?

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

(b) The short-fall in turnover was caused by Bulk Tank Lorry Operators Strike during the later part of May, 1977 which resulted in ultimate short-fall in production.

(c) The Company's application for Import of Capital Goods for stabilising production has been cleared by the Capital Goods Committee.

(d) and (e). The Company has plans to develop indigenous technology for the manufacture of Pesticides. A letter of Intent for its manufacture has been issued to the party.

**Arrest of Presiding Officer in Punjab**

3227. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:  
DR. HENRI AUSTIN:

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

(a) whether it has been reported in the press that one Presiding Officer in the recent elections to Punjab Assembly was arrested on the ground that 50 ballot papers were recovered from him;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter;