

(b) if so, the facts thereof, and the actions taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Extension of Dhanbad-Patherdih Branch Line upto Sindri**

190. **SHRI A. K. ROY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mass petition regarding the extension of the existing Dhanbad-Patherdih Branch Line Passenger Service upto Sindri concerning the longstanding problems of nearly one lakh people in this Industrial Complex and Rural area has been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken to mitigate the troubles of these people as per policy of the present Government regarding extension of Railway lines in the interest of the people?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) A few representations have been received.

(b) Extension of passenger trains to Sindri from Patherdih would involve provision of passage for these trains from Patherdih to Sindri and provision of a new passenger terminal at Sindri for which space is not available. In view of the availability of efficient road services there appears no difficulty for passengers to travel to Sindri. Hence the proposed extension of passenger services to Sindri is not considered economically justified.

**व्यय रहित चुनाव**

191. श्री यज्ञबल शर्मा : क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का 'व्यय रहित चुनाव' की योजना प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो योजना की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) इस बारे में सरकार में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री (डा० प्रताप चन्द्र चन्दर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

**Elected Committees for Railway Institutes**

192. **SHRI ROBIN SEN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in both the Railway Institutes at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works there are no elected committees since the last term;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the condition at present?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) There is no elected committee in either of the institutes at present. The two institutes are being run by ad hoc Executive Committees comprising of nominated persons of standing and status from amongst the institute members.

(b) The elections to the executive committees of the institutes scheduled to be held in June, 1976 were postponed on the advice of the district authorities who were strongly of the opinion that elections would create serious law and order problems in the township.