

Government do not control the dealership policy followed by the manufacturers of fertilizers in the private sector. The manufacturers in the private sector, while appointing private dealers take into account factors such as business experience and reputation of the applicant, availability of storage facilities with him, financial soundness etc.

Manufacturers do not maintain details of their dealers on the basis of caste, educational background etc.

#### Introduction of Electric Trains in Kerala

241. DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to introduce electric trains on all railway lines in Kerala in view of the fact that Kerala is a surplus State in the production of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Not at present.

#### Derailment of G.T. Express at Sindi

242. SHRI SANTOSHRAO GODE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently 16 Up G.T. Express derailed at Sindi Railway Station in Wardha district;

(b) if so, the causes of derailment; and

(c) the extent of damage to Railway property and human life?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes. The accident took place on 24-5-1977.

(b) The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety, Bombay has held his statutory inquiry into this accident. According to his provisional finding, the accident was due to the failure of railway staff.

(c) The cost of damage to railway property was estimated at approximately Rs. 3,81,794/-. In this accident, one person sustained grievous and 7 simple injuries.

#### Trains from Pathankot to Kangra Valley

243. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers travelling from Pathankot to Kangra Valley face great hardships as Pathankot is not the terminal for any train; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to start any additional train or to attach additional bogie to present trains at Pathankot to cope with the rush of passengers for Kangra Valley?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Srinagar Express

244. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no connecting train for Kangra Valley at Pathankot for the passengers travelling in Srinagar Express from New Delhi:

(b) whether these passengers have to wait at Pathankot to catch a train or Bus for Kangra Valley for many hours causing great hardships to these passengers;

(c) whether any study has been made in this respect; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to start Srinagar Express from New Delhi at or after 18.00 hrs. facilitating the passengers to have a con-

necting train at Pathankot for Kangra Valley?

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Pathankot Dep: 7.00 9.15

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d). At present 59 Up Srinagar Express is scheduled to leave New Delhi at 16.05 hours arriving Pathankot at 03.20 hours. At Pathankot this train provides connection with 1PB Pathankot-Bairath Paprola Passenger which is scheduled to leave Pathankot at 7.00 hours. It is not possible to change the departure time of 59 Up from New Delhi to 18.00 hours due to non-availability of platform at New Delhi and path enroute at that time. Moreover 59 Up Express has been scheduled to leave New Delhi at 16.05 hours so as to make this train arrive Jammu Tawi early in the morning at 3.05 hours to enable the tourists to reach Kashmir same day.

For Kangra Valley passengers, 33 Up Jammu Mail provides convenient connections at Pathankot as indicated below:—

33 Up Jammu Mail Pathankot Arr.06.45

Class	Pathankot		Jawanwala-shahr		Kangra		Bairath Pippla		Joginder Nagar	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
1 PBJ	42	77	60	140	6	141	..	29	..	48
2 PBJ	47	80	73	148	49	70	9	43	..	22
1 PB	44	90	56	143	56	143	..	6	..	..
2 PB	45	75	28	71	45	75	..	12	..	..

Review of working of narrow gauge lines

246. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to

Conversion of Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Narrow Gauge Line to Metre/Broad Gauge Line

245. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to convert narrow gauge line from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar into Metre gauge/Broad gauge;

(b) whether any survey has been made in this regard and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) what is the average number of passengers travelling on this line daily?

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

(c) According to the last census of passenger traffic held in April, 1977 the average percentage of occupation of 2 pair of trains running on the section was as under:—

review the working of the narrow gauge lines in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). No. However an