

of power and voltage dips which not only delayed the commissioning of the plant but also caused production loss of about 11,500 tonnes of urea during the period November, 1976, when the plant was commissioned, to May, 1977 Remedial measures like installation of capacitor banks, solid state type of regulators and a 4 KVA inverter are being taken steps are also being taken to instal under frequency relays on the tie lines. The Barauni Thermal Power Station has also taken action to instal two sets of 110 MW each at the Barauni Thermal Power House.

रेलगाड़ियों के लिए प्रतिरिक्त डिब्बे

301. श्री के० लक्ष्मणा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लगभग सभी रेल गाड़ियों में भारी भीड़ होने के कारण यात्रियों को प्रमुविधा होती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार हर गाड़ी में प्रतिरिक्त डिब्बे जोड़ने का है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवते) : (क) कुछ गाड़ियों के दूसरे दर्जे के प्रनारमित सवारी डिब्बों में कुछ भीड़-भाड़ होती है।

(ख) और (ग) . लम्बी दूरी की प्रधिक्रम तेज गाड़ियां पूरे भार सहित चल रहीं हैं, जिनमें नियमित रूप से प्रतिरिक्त सवारी डिब्बे जोड़ने की कोई गुआईश नहीं है। यात्रियों को राहत देने के उद्देश्य से विगत बहुत सी नई गाड़ियां चलाई गई थीं और मौजूदा गाड़ियों का सामन क्षेत्र बढ़ाया गया था। भीड़-भाड़ वाली गाड़ियों को उनकी बहन क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए, डीजल इंजन उपलब्ध

होने पर, डीजलीकृत भी किया जा रहा है। यात्रियों को राहत पहुंचाने के लिए यह एक सतत प्रक्रिया है।

कर्नाटक में नई रेल लाइनें

302. श्री के० लक्ष्मणा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार का कर्नाटक में नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवते) :

(क) और (ख) . कर्नाटक में हसन से मंगलूर तक नई रेलवे लाइन पहले से ही निर्माणाधीन है। तोरनगल्लू से रनजीतपुरा तक दूसरी रेलवे लाइन अभी हाल ही में पूरी की गई है। हुबली से करवार, तालगुप्पा से हानोबार, रायदुर्ग से चिन्नदुर्ग, कोट्टर से हरिहर और घाट्टा से मंगलूर तक लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए सर्वेक्षण कर लिए गए हैं। इनका कुछ भाग कर्नाटक में पड़ता है। निज लाइनों का सर्वेक्षण हो चुका है, उनका निर्माण संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और यातायात की सम्भाव्यता पर निर्भर करता है।

Rail Link between Cochin and Kayamkulam via Alleppey

303. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:
SHRI K. A. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the techno-economic survey of the rail link between Cochin and Kayamkulam via Alleppey has been completed;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has offered to supply sleepers free of cost and also agreed to organise massive 'Sramdan' campaign for the construction of this new railway line; and

(d) what is the final decision in regard to the construction of this line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) An engineering-cum-traffic survey has been carried out for a new railway line from Ernakulam to Alleppey. Engineering survey for the remaining length from Alleppey to Kayamkulam has not been carried out so far.

(b) The line from Ernakulam to Alleppey will have a length of about 50 kms. and is estimated to cost about 5 crores.

(c) Yes.

(d) It has not been possible to include the construction of this line in the Budget for 1977-78 on account of limitation of resources.

Set back to O. & N.G.C. Drilling Operations in Bombay High and Bassein

304. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drilling and prospecting operation of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Bombay High and Bassein has suffered a set back recently as sufficient oil was not found in several wells drilled there;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether this would upset the country's hopes about Bombay High; and

(d) which are the countries with whom Oil and Natural Gas Commission has entered into collaboration for oil drilling in this area and the names of countries who drilled those wells in which no oil was found?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) There is no foreign collaboration for oil drilling in Bombay High and Bassein. However, specific services and operational support for drilling have been obtained on contract from some firms of U.K., U.S.A. and Norway.

Construction of Railway Lines connecting Tellicherry with Mysore, Mangalore with Bombay and Kuttipuram with Trichur

305. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA: SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to take up the construction of new Railway lines connecting Tellicherry with Mysore, Mangalore with Bombay and Kuttipuram with Trichur via Guruvayur;

(b) whether the techno-economic survey of these lines has already been done and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) whether the present economic backwardness of this region and the impetus these railway lines will give to the economic development has been kept in view while taking a final decision on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b). A Final Location Engineering and a Traffic Survey have been carried out for Apta-Dasgaon line which forms a part of the Bombay-Mangalore Rail Link. It will have a length of 108 Km. and is estimated to cost about Rs. 14 crores yielding a return of 4.8 per cent. The Final Location Survey of Dasgaon-Ratnagiri section with spot checks on the earlier survey between Ratnagiri-Mangalore