

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). Conversion of Bhatinda-Hanumangarh-Suratgarh portion of Bhatinda-Bikaner metre gauge section into broad gauge is already in progress and is expected to be completed in 1978. There is no such proposal to convert Suratgarh-Bikaner portion from metre gauge to broad gauge under consideration at present.

Employees required for Talcher Fertilizer Factory

341. SHRI PABIRA MOHAN PRADHAN: Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees required for the Talcher Fertilizer Factory, class and category-wise; and

(b) the number that is employed upto-date?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). The number of employees required for Talcher Fertilizer Factory was assessed in 1973. These requirements are being reviewed by the F.C.I. The present sanctioned strength and the number of employees as on 31st March, 1977 are as under:

| Category of post | Sanctioned strength | No. of employees in position as on 31-3-77 |
|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Class I | 200 | 155 |
| Class II | 38 | 35 |
| Class III | 788 | 595 |
| Class IV | 289 | 184 |
| TOTAL | 1315 | 969 |

Companies which made Payments for Advertisements in Souvenir for Congress Party

342. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of **LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of companies registered under the Companies Act have paid lot of money for advertisements in the Souvenir of All India Congress Party before the General Elections of 1977;

(b) if so, the number of such companies and the amount of money involved;

(c) how many companies out of them have actually got their advertisements printed in the Souvenir;

(d) whether all these companies received the receipts of the amount paid; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDEL): (a) and (b). The particulars are being collected.

(c) to (e). These particulars would have to be collected.

Laws Passed during Emergency

343. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of **LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) how many laws were passed by Central Government during the period of internal emergency;

(b) how many laws out of all the laws passed during emergency are contemplated to be amended or repealed by Government; and

(c) when are they expected to be amended or repealed?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) During the period of internal emergency, the following laws were enacted:—

(i) 143 Acts of Parliament including 5 Acts amending the Constitution;

(ii) 48 Ordinances;

(iii) 52 President's Acts in respect of the States under President's rule; and

(iv) 18 Regulations in respect of the Union territories.

(b) and (c). Five of the Ordinances promulgated by the President were not replaced by Parliamentary legislation and two Acts of Parliament were repealed. No proposal for repeal or amendment of any of the other laws enacted during the emergency has been received in this Ministry so far.

माही-घानास-यंच पिपलिया-बृगदा (पश्चिम रेलवे) लाइन को दोहरा करना

344. श्री भागीरथ शंकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिम रेलवे के रतलाम-वडीदा डिवीजन के बीच वर्तमान माही-घानास-यंच पिपलिया-बृगदा एकहरी लाइन को दोहरी लाइन बनाने की कोई योजना है; और

(ख) क्या इन स्थानों पर इकहरी रेल लाइन होने के कारण रेल गाडीयों के आने जाने में बिन्धु होता है ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवले) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

जबलपुर से सिवनी होकर नागपुर तक नई रेल लाइन

345. श्री निर्मल चन्द्र जैन : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि : इस तथ्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि इटारसी से होकर नागपुर की दूरी लगभग 570 किलोमीटर है जबकि सिवनी मड़क के समानान्तर लखनादीन-सिवनी रेल लाइन के निर्माण से उक्त दूरी लगभग 230 किलोमीटर रह जायेगी और इसके परिणामस्वरूप ईंधन, धनराशि और समय की भी बचत होगी, क्या सरकार का विचार जबलपुर से सिवनी होकर नागपुर तक नई रेल लाइन बिछाने का है ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवले) : लखनौदा और सिवनी के रास्ते जबलपुर से नागपुर तक एक नई रेलवे लाइन के निर्माण का इस समय कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । तथापि, जबलपुर गौदिया छोटी लाइन खण्ड का बड़े लाइन में बदलने के लिए एक प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी एव यातायात सर्वेक्षण चालू है । प्रस्तावित ग्रामान-परिवर्तन से गौदिया के रास्ते जबलपुर और नागपुर को मिला दिया जाएगा । सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो जाने और रिपोर्टों की जांच कर लिये जाने के बाद ही जबलपुर-गौदिया खण्ड के ग्रामान-परिवर्तन से गौदिया के बारे में कोई निर्णय लिया जायेगा ।

Oil Exploration in Cauvery Delta

346. SHRI A. BALA PAJANOR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of exploration of oil in Cauvery delta;

(b) whether oil has been struck in Cauvery Delta and knowledgeable