

**Proposal to reduce running time of G.T. Express and Tamil Nadu Express**

1244. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the running time of G. T. Express and Tamil Nadu Express running between New Delhi to Madras; and

(b) whether any new Air-conditioned sleeper coach instead of chair-car is proposed to be attached to G.T. Express daily and phones installed in both the trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) No.

(b) No.

**Representations from Chairman, Maharashtra Bar Council (Bombay)**

1245. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Chairman of Maharashtra Bar-Council (Bombay) during the period of last three years;

(b) if so, how many and when were they received; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take on them?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten, between October, 1974 and May, 1977.

(c) All the points covered by the representations are under consideration of the Government.

**Trains running behind Schedule**

1246. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is deterioration in running of trains; and

(b) if so, the number of trains found running behind schedule during the first two weeks of April, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b). Punctuality performance of Mail Express trains 'Not losing time' during the first two weeks of April, 1977 as compared to corresponding period of previous year has shown that there has been a slight deterioration in the punctuality performance of trains. The average percentage of these trains losing time on all Railways during this period was 7.4 per cent on B.G. and 6.4 per cent on M.G.

**Payment of Project Allowance to Employees of F.C.I., Haldia Division**

1247. SHRI GANGADHAR APPABURANDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the management of FCI, Haldia Division, conceded to grant the project allowance w.e.f. 1-1-73 to the employees posted at project sites at the existing rates on the revised scales of pay and the Board of Directors approved this proposal in the month of November, 1975; and

(b) if so, whether the present Government is considering to approve pay of project allowance on the revised scales of pay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). The Haldia Division of FCI recommended to the Corporation the proposal of the workers for payment of project Allowance w.e.f.

1-1-73 at the existing rates but on the revised scales of pay. The Board of the FCI considered the proposal in November 1975 and decided to refer the proposal to Government since it involved a general question of policy. The proposal was not accepted by the Government on the ground that this would have been a departure from the general instructions of the Government regarding the revised scales. Under these instructions, the project allowance with reference to the revised scales is to be paid only at the new rates which were lower than the earlier rates. However, where project allowance was already being paid, the same was to continue at the old rates but only on the pre-revised scales.

### शिवनारायण पुर रेलवे स्टेशन

1248. डा० रामजी सिंह : क्या रेल, मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि ;

(क) पूर्व रेलवे हावड़ा डिवीजन में शिवनारायण पुर रेलवे स्टेशन से यात्री तथा माल यातायात में एक वर्ष में कितनी औसत आय होती है ;

(ख) शिवनारायण पुर रेलवे स्टेशन का प्लेटफार्म नीचा होने के कारण गाड़ियों के चढ़ने उतरने में एक वर्ष में होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं की औसत संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार इस प्लेटफार्म को ऊंचा करने का है और यदि हाँ, तो यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्री (प्र० मधु बंडवते) :

(क) कलेंडर वर्ष 1976 के दौरान शिवनारायण पुर रेलवे स्टेशन पर यात्री और माल दोनों प्रकार के यातायात से 3,66,840 रु० का राजस्व अर्जित हुआ था ।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में शिवनारायण पुर रेलवे स्टेशन पर ऐसी कोई भी दुर्घटना नहीं हुई ।

(ग) इस प्रकार की सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था रेल उपयोग कर्ता सुविधा समिति के परामर्श के एक कार्यक्रम-बद्ध आधार पर की जाती है । प्लेटफार्म को ऊंचा उठाने के प्रस्ताव को सुविधा समिति के समक्ष विचारार्थ रख दिया जायगा ।

### Setting up of Petro-Chemicals Complex at Haldia

1249. SHRI M. KALYANASUN-DARAM:  
SHRIMATI PARVATHI  
KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request for setting up a Petro-chemical complex at Haldia is under Centre's consideration for a long time; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to expedite the decision?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Proposals have been received from the State Government of West Bengal from time to time for the setting up of a Petro-chemical complex at Haldia and for the expansion of the capacity of Haldia refinery to provide for higher availability of naphtha.

(b) The programme for petro-chemicals in the public sector during the Fifth Plan is being limited to the completion of the Naphtha Cracker and the downstream units at Baroda, Gujarat, and the Bongaigaon Refinery/Petrochemical complex in Assam. No new major programme for a petro-chemicals complex at Haldia or elsewhere is currently contemplated during the Fifth Plan period.