

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect both broad gauge and meter gauge track between Central and Egmore Railway Stations in Madras City with mixed track via Park Station and Moor market Station to avoid hardship to the long distance passengers travelling from North to South vis-a-vis through Central Station ;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be taken ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) Severe constraint of resources.

(ii) Feasibility of the proposal is not known.

Decrease in Labour Productivity at some Ports

5046. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether at some ports, the labour productivity has decreased despite wage increases during the last three years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to increase productivity in these ports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Productivity in Ports depends on several factors and not merely on wage increase, which is done once in four years. It depends upon various factors such as flow of traffic, nature of the cargo, seasonal variations, effective supervision, availability of equipment, industrial relations etc. A comparison of average productivity for the years 1982-83 1983-84 and 1984-85 indicates that while there was increase in Productivity during 1984-85 in Madras, Paradip, Kandla and Tuticorin, there is decrease in productivity in Cochin, Visakhapatnam and Mormugao.

In Calcutta, average labour productivity has decreased in respect of certain items, while productivity has remained almost at the same level in respect of other items. In New Mangalore, while productivity in break bulk cargo has registered an increase, the productivity in dry bulk cargo handling has decreased. At Bombay, there has been no perceptible trend in labour productivity.

In the Wage Settlement dated 11.4.84, the labour federations *inter-alia* agreed to improve Port performance during the currency of the settlement and also mutually cooperate in and endeavour for improving productivity levels in all activity areas by atleast 15%. A meetings was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Shipping and Transport on 6.8.1984 with the chairmen of major Ports, representatives of Federations of Port and Dock Workers and of the Federation of Associations of Stevedors to consider measures to improve Productivity. It was agreed that Port Trusts as also the Dock Labour Boards should set up Productivity Committees to examine all aspects of Productivity and initiate measures designed to improve it. Accordingly, Productivity Committees in one form or other, have already been set up at the Port Trusts and Dock Labour Boards. These Productivity Committees meet Periodically and review performance of the Port operations, identify bottlenecks in the expeditious handling of cargo and suggest remedial measures. Some of the important measures taken to improve productivity at Ports are enforcement of punctuality, reduction of idle time, better supervision of cargo handling operations and maximising availability of existing cargo handling equipment.

ILL Functioning of D.E.S.U.

5047. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Honourable Members Parliament have written to D.E.S.U. regarding malfunctioning of Accounts Department under District Pahar Ganj ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what action does the Government propose to take to ensure that the Electricity Bills are issued through some receipt system,

well in advance before the due date of payment and also such bills are signed by the concerned staff/officers to make it a legal tender for demand of money from the consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) According to DESU, no such communications have been received by them.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Instructions for allowing a reasonable time consumers for payment of electricity bills, and obtaining their signatures on the bill messenger book, already exist. The due date of payment is suitably extended if there is delay in receipt of electricity bills by consumers. The proposal that electricity bills should bear the signature of the issuing authority in appropriate form is under examination of DESU.

Sterilisation Achievement

5048. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sterilisation achievement figures for the years 1981-82 and 1982-83 have been 153.4 per cent and 89.8 per cent respectively for the Ministry of Defence and 67.3 per cent and 56.8 per cent respectively for the Ministry of Railways ;

(b) how many people employed by the Ministry of Defence and how many by the Ministry of Railways ; and

(c) why this discrepancy in achieving family planning targets between these two agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 784 (posts sanctioned) and 629 people are employed by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways respectively for the Family Welfare Programme.

(c) Sterilisation Targets for the Railways are relatively higher compared to Defence ;

	Year	Target	Achievement	Percentage Achievement
Railways	1981-82	26,000	17,504	67.3
	1982-83	41,000	23,300	56.8
Defence	1981-82	15,000	23,009	153.4
	1982-83	24,000	21,563	89.8

Also, there is inadequate coverage in remote areas and wayside Railway Stations.

[Translation]

Power Fluctuations in Pushpa Vihar Delhi

5049. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is always power fluctuation in Pushpa Vihar, New Delhi as a result of which large number of bulbs get fused ;

(b) whether it is due to the loose wiring provided by Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking and direct connections has been given by wires only instead of providing grip in Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking Feeder Pillars ;

(c) whether more than half of the feeder pillars are either lying broken or expose ; and

(d) what remedial measures proposed are to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) According to the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the power supply position in Pushpa Vihar is by and large satisfactory. However, if there is a voltage problem in the grid of the Northern region, Pushpa Vihar also gets affected alongwith to other areas of Delhi. At times, while attending to faults in a feeder pillar, particularly at odd hours when grips may not be readily available, direct connection is