

(b) They are fully occupied.

(c) Speed of the train was reduced so as to increase the number of coaches. Consequently journey time was increased by about 2 hours.

(d) Due to shortage of coaches and diesel engines.

(e) and (f). A number of representations have been received from various organisations. It has however not been found feasible to increase the frequency on account of shortage of coaches and diesel engines.

[English]

Procedure for the Yearly Survey of Small Ships/Boats/Vessels at Kandla Port

6904. SHRIMATI USHA THAKKAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fishermen owning small ships and boats in Kutch (Gujarat) have to undergo compulsory survey of their ships/boat/vessels every year under the order of Kandla Port Trust;

(b) if so, whether these fishermen have to spend two-three days, foregoing their livelihood for these survey works; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to formulate a simple procedure in this regard for Kandla Port to overcome the hardships of the fishermen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey is arranged at the minor port of Tuna in consultation with the fishermen on the dates convenient to them when they do not go for fishing.

(c) Does not arise.

Pochampad Project

6905. SHRI B. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the second stage of Sri Ram Pad Sagar (Pochampad) Project in Andhra Pradesh has been approved by the Centre; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of the construction of the Project ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of a new Train between Bangalore and Trivandrum

6906. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARANGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a new train between Bangalore and Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation to this effect has been received; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is not feasible due to lack of resources like coaches and locomotives.

Proposal for a Shipping Service between Cochin and Maldives

6907. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Shipping Service between Cochin and Maldives; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Representations from All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists

6908. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :