

**Policy Regarding Changes in Catering Restaurants**

**700. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy of Government to make changes in the present catering restaurants at present in the railway stations ;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so where catering to the public is not upto the mark ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) to (c) : Constant endeavours are being made by the Railways to improve the quality of food and catering services at the stations as well as in the trains. To this effect, regular frequent inspections are conducted by Officers and Inspectors at various levels and suitable deterrent action taken against those found guilty. Moreover, with a view to further improving the catering standard, India Tourism Development Corporation have also been commissioned as consultants for modernising catering arrangements at New Delhi Railway Station as a Pilot Project which may be extended to other stations in the light of the experience gained.

**Import of Generating Equipment for West Bengal**

**701. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Centre has rejected the two proposals from the West Bengal Government for the import of power generating equipment ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) and (b) : Government have not agreed to the proposals of West Bengal Government to import power generating equipment as the equipment is available indigenously on reasonable terms.

**Electrification of Jalarpet—Bangalore Railway Line**

**702. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is great need to electrify Jalarpet—Bangalore Railway Line for the speedy movement of traffic ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take up the electrification of Jalarpet—Bangalore line in the Seventh Plan period ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) and (b) : The Railways have approved the electrification of Jolarpettai—Bangalore Section, but the actual execution will depend on the availability of funds after meeting the requirements of others higher priority sections. For the time being, the electrification of Jolarpettai—Bangalore Section is deferred due to inadequacy of funds.

**Measures to Ensure Fair Deal and Equality of Status and Opportunity for Women**

**703. SHRI S.M. BHATTAM :** Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken or proposed to take any specific measures for ensuring fair deal for women as announced recently by the Prime Minister and if so, what are the details thereof.