

level crossings and review of safety system as a whole on Divisions and Railways.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Electricity to Railways at subsidised rates for introduction of trains

4348. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any States have offered electricity to the Railways at subsidised rates for introduction of electric trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the States Government of Kerala have offered electricity at a subsidised rate of 50 per cent of normal charges; and

(c) if so, why steps have not been taken to electrify railway lines from Trivandrum to Cannanore ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Subsidence of Metro Railway in Calcutta

4349. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any major subsidence in the Metro-Railway in Calcutta near Dumdum Junction took place some time ago as reported in Hindustan Times of 4 April, 1985;

(b) if so, the date and nature of subsidence and the effect of it on Railway safety;

(c) whether the report of subsidence had been suppressed and if so, the persons involved in such suppression;

(d) the risks involved to trains plying over the area of subsidence; and

(e) whether steps are being taken to stop immediately plying of trains in the risky portions until full safety measures have been taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The tunnel shield used for driving tunnel under the Eastern Railway suburban lines for the Metro Railway alignment leading to proposed Dum Dum Car Shed towards north of Dum Dum station showed tendency of nose diving (tilting downward).

(b) Tilting of tunnel shield was noticed in August, 1984. This has not affected the safety of train movement.

(c) Information about the incident has not been suppressed.

(d) There is no risk to train movement and speed restriction of 10 Km per hour imposed when the work was commenced is being maintained.

(e) Does not arise

Shifting of Malda Railway Station from N.F. Railway Zone to Eastern Railway Zone

4350. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Malda Railway Station was shifted from North Frontier Railway Zone to Eastern Railway Zone ;

(b) if so, when and the reasons therefor;

(c) names of other railway stations being considered for further shifting to other zones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Malda Railway Station was previously under the jurisdiction of N.F. Railway and the same has now become Divisional Headquarters from 1.7.1984 under the jurisdiction of Eastern Railway. There is a proposal to shift Stations on Chamagram--New Jalpaiguri, Kumedpur--Katihar and old Malda--Singhabad Sections from N.F. Railway to Eastern Railway.