

**Rajdhani Type Express Train between  
Madras and New Delhi**

2170. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce Rajdhani type Express train between Madras and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken to earmark sufficient funds for this new train involving strengthening of tracks, etc .

(c) whether there is any proposal to make engineering/administrative survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Reopening of Punalur Paper Mills in  
Kerala**

2171. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punalur Paper Mills in Kerala has been lying closed for the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to reopen the Mill;

(c) whether there is any proposal to take over the Mill by the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Low level of production, huge accumulated losses, lack of proper management etc., are some of the main reasons responsible for the closure of the mill. It has been reported that a rehabilitation package offered by the financial institutions in 1981 could not be implemented due to the inability of the management of the company to fulfil its obligations under the package.

(c) and (d). At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for taking over the Punalur Paper Mills by Hindustan Paper Corporation.

**Khaskuthi Open Cast Project of Eastern  
Coalfields Limited**

2172. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited has recently commissioned the Khushuthi Open Cast Project at Bhanora;

(b) if so, the date of its commissioning;

(c) the details of feasibility report, present status report and cost benefit ratio; and

(d) whether this project has complied with all statutory requirements?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Khaskuthi Opencast Project in Bhanora Mine of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. was commissioned in July, 1989. The project involving a capital outlay of Rs. 19.50 lakhs (excluding cost of plant pool equipment) is expected to produce 20,000