

3rd General Cargo Berth, modifications and improvements to Iron Ore Handling Plant—Replacement of Bucket Wheel Reclaimer, One Shipping Tug, augmentation of cargo handling equipment and locomotives, construction of additional warehouses, etc.

(c) The Schemes are being examined by the Working Group on Ports constituted by the Planning Commission. Further action will be taken after the 6th Plan is finalised by the Planning Commission.

Koraput-Parvatipuram Line

2762. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Koraput to Parvatipuram railway line has been completed;

(b) if so, when the investment decision for the construction of that line will be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). No. The survey is still in progress and is being conducted by M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services. The survey is expected to be completed in September, 1980. A decision will be taken after the survey report is received and examined keeping in view the financial viability and availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.

Expansion of Passenger Yard at Asansol

2763. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUHDURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps so far taken by Government to expand the passenger and coaching yards at Asansol and Durgapur and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): A Techno-Economic Survey in connection with the development of coaching terminal facilities at Asansol and Durgapur yards has been included in the Budget for 1980-81.

Recruitment of Specialists in Cardiology

2764. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Administration advertised for the recruitment of ten specialists in Cardiology in different Railways through the Union Public Service Commission in 1978;

(b) if so, the name of places against which these, specialists were proposed to be recruited and posted and whether they were posted accordingly to posts of specialists in Cardiology as per advertisement;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of these specialists have been deputed to work as reliving physician against which these specialists have made representations to the authorities and requested to post them for the speciality;

(e) if so, whether the Railway Administration propose to post them for their speciality; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Indent placed on the Union Public Service Commission included ten posts with Cardiology as speciality and these were originally meant one each for Central, Eastern