

(c) Does not arise

(e) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Stoppage of Purushottam Express

4021. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to give a stoppage to Purushottam Express in both the directions at Parasnath Station of the Dhanbad Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing facilities for this important pilgrimage place of Jains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No such proposal at present

(b) Does not arise

(c) Availability of alternative train services

[*Translation*]

Doubling of Rail Line from Daund to Manmad

4022. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct double line on the Daund-Manmad section;

(b) if so, the time by which it would be converted into double line;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to electrify the Daund-Manmad rail line; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise

(c) Doubling of single line sections is taken up when the carrying capacity of the section gets saturated, freight intensive sections being given priority. The present capacity available on Daund-Manmad section is considered adequate to meet the current level of traffic.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. There is no proposal to electrify Daund-Manmad rail line.

[*English*]

Improvement of Passenger Amenities,

4023. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Members of Parliament for improvement and extension of amenities to the passengers at railway stations in the Asansol Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) - Yes, Sir. These representations are regarding provision/augmentation of various passenger amenities at some of the stations in Asansol Division.

(c) The Railway stations in Asansol Division are already provided with the facilities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled at each station. Further augmentation of passenger amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken, whenever so warranted based on the volume of traffic handled at the stations, overall availability of funds and other relative priorities.

[*Translation*]

Private Catering Service in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express

4024. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is private catering services in the Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains;

(b) whether the Government are incurring loss of crores of rupees due to the illegal use of Government electricity for cooking of food by these private contractors in connivance with the railway authorities; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct a high level investigation in this regard and if so, the time by which?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Houses for Fishermen

4025. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :