

Railways receive a number of suggestions for rescheduling the timings of Mail/Express and other trains. For the next time table to be issued in October, 85, a number of proposals are under examination and the final picture will emerge with the issue of the new time table.

(c) It is premature to assess at this stage what would be the savings or otherwise. The next edition of the Time Table is expected to be enforced from 1.10.1985.

(d) As stated in part (a) timings and charges are still under formulation. The Railways are examining the feasibility of instituting some changes in train running of Bombay-Ahmedabad route with effect from the next time table.

**Production in the Rates of Turbo-Generators being Supplied by BHEL to Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation**

2506; SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to pursue the BHEL for a reduction in the rates for the Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation's 67.5 MW turbo-generators for Southern project work which is expected to begin from the end of the current year ;

(b) if so, details thereof ; and

(c) result achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) : The prices and terms for supply of power generating equipment are settled mutually between purchaser and supplier (BHEL) as a commercial transaction. The same procedure will be followed in respect of this project of Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation. BHEL have already indicated to

Calcutta Electricity supply Corporation that they can supply power generating equipment to them at a matching price with imported equipment on a like to like basis. BHEL have also assured CESC that any customs duty reduction granted by Government of India will be passed on to the customer.

**POH of Electric Locomotives in Railway Workshop, Kharagpur**

2507. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have started periodical overhaul (POH) of electric locomotives in the Railway Workshop, Kharagpur ;

(b) how many locomotives have since been passed through POH ;

(c) what initial difficulties are there in having the operation of POH ; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to overcome the same and since when there will be full scale POH of electric locomotives in the said workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Electric Locomotives have already passed through the POH shops. Two more locomotives are currently undergoing POH.

(c) and (d) : There are some teething troubles in undertaking the POH activity. Action is being taken to overcome them. The POH workload of Steam Locomotives is progressively going down and as such it has been decided to plan for the POH of electric locomotives utilising the surplus capacity becoming available. The space for the POH work of electric locomotives has been identified in Kharagpur workshop. Arrangements for staff to undertake the job are in progress.

There is a proposal to modernise Kharagpur workshop with a view to providing inter-alia all infrastructural facilities in connection with POH of 4 electric locomotives per month on a regular basis. The Modernisation project is estimated to cost about Rs. 26.5 crores. Stabilisation of POH work of Electric locomotives in this workshop will, therefore, be progressing commensurate with the availability of funds.

**Setting up of Tenughat Thermal Power Plant**

2508. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Govt. to set up a 420 Megawatt Thermal Power Plant at Tenughat in Bihar ;

(b) if so, by when its construction work would be started and estimated expenditure to be incurred on this plant ; and

(c) what will be the benefit of this plant to Bihar State as well as to the whole country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) : Tenughat thermal power plant (2×210 MW) has been approved for implementation. The latest estimated cost is about Rs. 400 crores. The work on the project has been initiated. As the project is in the State sector, the entire power generated will be available to Bihar.

**Container Depot in Murshidabad and Malda**

2509. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up refrigerated container depot for mangoes in Murshidabad and Malda ;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such facilities are developed in accordance with the requirements of the trade, keeping in view the Financial and Operational viability. No such demand has come to the notice of the Railway Administration for movement of mangoes from Murshidabad and Malda in refrigerated containers.

**Leprosy Patients Cured Yearly**

2511. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate number of leprosy patients added every year ;

(b) the number of leprosy patients cured every year ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this disease is mostly in the hilly and backward area of the country and if so, what are the main causes for this disease and special measures being taken to control this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) : Based on the population increase every year new cases are added as well as more existing cases detected, the number of which is estimated at