

(Translation)

Introduction of a Train between Lucknow and Chopan via Varanasi and Changing the Route of Assam Mail and Tinsukhia Mail

461. SHRI MADAN PANDEY :
SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a train between Lucknow and Chopan via Varanasi;

(b) whether Government are also considering changing the existing route of Tinsukhia Mail and Assam Mail so as to run these trains via Gorakhpur and Lucknow;

(c) if so, from which date; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railways do not have coaches to introduce a new train. Tinsukhia & Assam Mail are well patronised on the present route and hence diversion would not be desirable.

[English]

Howrah Bridge

462. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "CPT concern about damage to Howrah Bridge" appearing in the Calcutta edition of the Statesman, dated 6 June, 1985;

(b) if so, whether 100 feet of the railing of the bridge has recently been stolen;

(c) if so, what action has since been taken to end this type of vandalism;

(d) whether RITES had conducted a survey along with other consultants regarding the present condition of the bridge;

(d) if so, details of the recommendations;

(f) whether the recommendations have been implemented; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A total length of 23 metres pipe runners of the railing between the carriage way and footpath of Howrah Bridge was stolen in the night of 12/13th May, 1985. Regular patrolling of the Bridge at night is now being done by State police personnel

(d) to (g) Yes, Sir, survey for the 1st phase of the study is in progress. Some recommendations are expected to be available after two out of the three phases of the study have been completed.

Expansion Plan of Cochin Shipyard during Sixth Plan

463. SHRI V S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a plan for the expansion of Cochin Shipyard during the Sixth Plan;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan has not been implemented;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken to implement the expansion plan of the Shipyard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes.

(b) The schemes included in the Sixth Five Year Plan mainly related to extension of quay/additional quay and expansion programme.