

action for procurement of necessary Machinery and Plant creation of infrastructural facilities and training of staff etc. to establish a target of one locomotive per month in the first phase.

Inconvenient Timings of Trains Running on Ahmadpur-Katwa, Burdwan-Katwa Sections

2725. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether timings of trains running on A.K. (Ahmadpur-Katwa), B.K. (Burdwan-Katwa, N.G.) Section of Eastern Railway N.G. have been changed some months back and the present timings of the N.G. trains during day or night are inconvenient, disadvantageous to passengers thus affecting earnings of Railways;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for changing timings of these trains;

(c) whether the trains running at present on Ahmadpur-Katwa line have no connection with trains on Eastern Section (B.G.) at Ahmadpur Station like Biswabharati, Danapur Fast Passenger etc. and at Katwa (B.G.) and Burdwan Katwa (N.G.) with trains of Eastern Section (B.G.) at Burdwan and Katwa;

(d) whether coaches of these trains on A.K., B.K. (N.G.) do not have any light in the evening; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The timings of the trains of the two Narrow Gauge Sections have been changed with effect from May, 1985 in consultation with the passenger associations of the area for making them more convenient and providing connection to Broad Gauge trains:

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Suitable connections are available at Ahmadpur, Katwa and Bard-

dhaman to/from Broad Gauge trains of Eastern Railway.

(d) and (e) Each rake has 4 to 5 coaches of which two are equipped with train lighting equipment. Due to heavy thefts in the area sometimes there are cases of dim-lights or no lights altogether which are promptly attended at the base station.

New Pricing Formula for Indian Built Ships

2726. SHRI K.V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is evolving a new pricing formula to ensure better price for ships built by Indian Shipyards;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry are also considering to restructure the capital base of Hindustan Shipyard Limited; and

(d) to what extent this new pricing formula will affect the shipping companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) & (b) Yes. In the wake of the current recession world over in the shipping and shipbuilding industry, the existing pricing formula which is based on the International Parity Price has been found to be affecting adversely both the shipyards and the shipping companies. This Ministry has initiated proposals for revising the pricing formula, keeping in view the interests of both the shipyards and the shipping companies. The detailed study of the ship cost has, however, been entrusted to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices.

(c) Yes.

(d) While finalising the pricing formula, the Government will keep in view the viability of both the shipping companies and the shipyards respectively so that either is not affected adversely.