

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway station in Delhi to reduce the congestion at both the stations ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The work of augmentation of coaching facilities at Delhi Main Railway Station is an ongoing approved work. Approval has also been accorded for acquisition of land for directional terminals at Bijwasan, Holambi Kalan and Anand Vihar. There is also a proposal to augment the facilities at New Delhi Railway Station. Study for development of the terminals in Delhi area has been entrusted to the Japanese Team who are expected to submit their report by the end of the year.

[*English*]

Darjeeling Mail

638. SHRI AMARROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Darjeeling Mail is running late regularly ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps being taken for running of this train in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, efforts to further improve the running of this pair of trains continue.

Import of Foodgrains

639. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is importing wheat or other foodgrains from the U.S.A, and other countries ;

(b) if so, the quantity contracted for import, sources of origin, and average price ; and

(c) whether the prices are higher than anticipated earlier, if so, the reason thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has finalized proposals for import of 2 million tonnes of wheat from U.S.A., 5 lakh tonnes of rice from Thailand and 2 lakh tonnes of rice from D.P.R. Korea. The average estimated FOB cost per tonne comes to about US \$121 in case of US wheat and US \$244 in case of Thai rice. In case of Korean rice, the C & F FO cost is US \$269 per tonne.

(c) No, Sir.

I.L.O. Statistics on Child Labour

640. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to I.L.O. statistics, one third of Asia's 380 million child workers are in India ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reduce the number ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Modification of Trivandrum Railway Station

641. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the progress made in execution of the plan for developing Trivandrum as a model railway station ; and

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Extension of platform shelter on platform Nos 2 & 3 by 108 metres and construction of cement concrete apron have been sanctioned and the works are in progress.

(b) There is no delay in taking up this project. The work is planned to be completed in phases, depending on availability of resources.

West-Coast Railway Line

642. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has given any loan to the Railways, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether a part of the loan is proposed to be spent on West Coast line ;

(c) if so, the time limit fixed, if any, for completing the West Coast line ;

(d) whether the construction work of this project is going on as per schedule ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are three on-going loans from the World Bank :

(i) Loan No. 2210-IN/Credit No. 1299-IN :—

For modernisation and maintenance facilities (for rolling stock) Value \$ 400 million.

(ii) Loan No. 2417-IN :—

For workshop modernisation and electrification. Value \$ 280.7 million.

(iii) Loan No. 2935-IN :—

For rehabilitation and modernisation of tracks. Value \$ 390 million.

(b) to (e) No component of the loans is meant for new lines. Construction of West Coast line is not an approved project. As such the question of time limit for completion of the line does not arise.

Bonded Labour

643. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 3,000 bonded labourers brought by contractors from Andhra Pradesh and Orissa several years ago are languishing at the Lower Terana Project in Parbhani district of Maharashtra ;

(b) whether these labourers have not been released despite instructions from the Director General of Labour Welfare, if so the facts thereof ;

(c) whether Government have appointed any high committee to go into the problems of bonded labour in the country ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including its recommendations made, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY) : (a) and (b) According to the report received from the Government of Maharashtra, 75 bonded labour were identified in 1985-86 at the site of Lower Terana Project in Osmanabad district. All these bonded labour were released and sent back to Andhra Pradesh, their home state for rehabilitation.

(c) and (d) The Government has set up a National Commission on Rural Labour in August 1987. The term of the Commission is for a period of three years. One of the terms of reference of the Commission is to study and report on the problems of bonded labour. The Commission has not made any recommendation on bonded labour.

Frequency of Bombay-Calicut Bombay Flight

644 SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a heavy demand for Bombay-Calicut-Bombay flight ;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans for increasing the frequency and the days of the flight ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the time by which the same can be expected to come into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND