

to ensure that correct weighing is done at the time of loading and increased vigilance exercised by R.P.F. in transit and in coal depots yards to prevent pilferage, if any.

[English]

### Import of Simulators

3519. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import simulators to be used by Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these simulators would bring any improvement in the functioning of Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Simulator each suitable for diesel locomotives and electric locomotives is proposed to be procured in the first instance.

(c) and (d). Loco simulators will supplement the existing facilities with a view to train locomotive drivers specially for handling heavier freight trains as also for operating high-speed passenger trains. The drivers are expected to learn the techniques of handling trains to minimise fuel/energy consumption faster.

### Allocation of funds for Sambalpur Division Project

3520. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the suggestion of Orissa Government to enhance the allocation for Sambalpur Railway Division project in Orissa in the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the additional amount proposed to allocated for that project in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No suggestion for enhancement of the allocation in the current financial year for Sambalpur Railway Division Project in Orissa, has been received from the Government of Orissa. However, the allocation has been enhanced by Rs. 34.00 lakhs during the current financial year.

### Level crossing at Sripura (S.E. Railway)

3521. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a level crossing at Sripura near Lapanga on the Jharsuguda-Sambalpur section of South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the step taken to implement the above proposal; and

(c) the time by which the level crossing is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Necessary plans and estimate for the work, which includes construction of two culverts on the approach road, have since been finalised by the Railway in consultation with the concerned State authorities. The execution of the work will