

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) जी नहीं। शहर और स्टेशन उसी तरफ हैं इसलिए बहुसंख्यक रेल यात्रियों को रेलपथ पार करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Wheel and Axle Plant, Bangalore

2747. SHRI B. RACHAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wheel and Axle Plant at Bangalore was sanctioned;

(b) what is the total cost of the project;

(c) what was the State's contribution; and

(d) how much has been spent, so far, and the progress made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 38.39 crores.

(c) The Government of Karnataka have allotted 291 acres of land at a concessional rate of Rs. 5000 per acre.

(d) A sum of Rs. 165 lakhs has been spent upto end of October, 1977. Preliminary works such as levelling of the factory site, construction of roads and drainage in the proposed railway colony have been undertaken and are nearing completion.

Losses Accumulated by I.D.P.L.

2748. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the I.D.P.L. has accumulated loss of Rs. 26 crores;

(b) if so, what was the capital outlay;

(c) whether I.D.P.L. plant is to be expanded with outlay of Rs. 16 crores on imported technology; and

(d) whether this additional capital would wipe out the losses?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The accumulated losses of IDPL as on 31st March, 1977, amounts to Rs. 29.94 crores.

(b) The paid-up capital of IDPL as on 31st March, 1977 was Rs. 45.80 crores.

(c) The Virbhadra (Rishikesh) Plant of IDPL is being expanded at an estimated capital outlay of Rs. 15.30 crores which includes fees for foreign technical know-how and strains for antibiotics production.

(d) This additional investment would increase the revenue earning capacity of the Plant and is expected partly to wipe out the losses of the company.

Robbing of Passengers of Agra-Delhi Train

2749. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that four armed gangsters robbed all members of a Second Class compartment of the Agra-Delhi Passenger on the 17th October, 1977;

(b) whether it is a fact that the passengers pulled the chain in the hope of stopping the train but the chain did not work;

(c) whether any investigation or enquiry was done in this connection; and

(d) if so, what are the findings; and if not, reasons thereof?