

Extension of Amritsar Railway Station

255. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Railways has received any proposals to extend the railway station of Amritsar and provide an entrance towards the Golbag area of Amritsar;

(b) whether Government have considered this proposal;

(c) whether the population of Amritsar city is put to great inconvenience without this entry and they have to go a long way and cross an overhead bridge to reach the railway station; and

(d) whether Government are also considering another proposal regarding covering the platforms etc. of Amritsar Railway Station?

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

(c) The station building is situated to the North of the railway lines. People residing on the South side of the railway line have been complaining that they have to cover a long distance to reach the station and demanded an entry and booking facilities on the South side also.

(d) Yes.

Doubling of Sealdah-Bongaon section

256. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage the project of doubling the Sealdah-Bongaon Section of the Eastern Railway rests now; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to expedite the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). As the project is unremunerative, the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission have been approached for exempting the Ministry of Railways from payment of dividend on the capital cost of the line and for compensation on account of operating losses on the line. No decision has been reached as yet in this regard.

Extension of Delhi-Jaipur Pink Express to Ajmer

257. SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT:

SHRI S. K. SARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to extend Delhi-Jaipur Pink Express up to Ajmer, which is a prominent pilgrim and tourist centre; and

(b) if so, by what time this Express train will be extended upto Ajmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

रेलवे कंट्रोलरों की सीधी कार्यवाही करने की धमकी

258. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 7 अक्टूबर, 1977 के 'इंडियन एक्सप्रेस' में प्रकाशित एक समाचार के अनुसार रेलवे कंट्रोलर्स आफ इंडिया ने धमकी दी है कि यदि सरकार ने उनकी मांगें पूरी न कीं तो वे सीधी कार्यवाही करेंगे; और