

Device Designed by a Ludhiana, Lecturer to prevent Accidents

5416. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH SAYIANWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item in the Indian Express of 13th March, 1978 regarding an automatic electro-mechanical device having been designed by a Ludhiana lecturer to prevent rail accidents; and

(b) if so, what are his reactions towards it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Shri V. N. Kaushal of Ludhiana had submitted his proposal to the Railways as early as April, 1973. This had been examined in detail by the Research, Designs and Standards Organisation of the Indian Railways and it was found that this had no practical utility for Indian Railways.

Export of Chemical Goods

5417. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of chemical goods exported during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the items exported; and

(c) the names of the countries to which exported?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (c). Itemwise and countrywise exports of chemicals are regularly published in the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India—Volume I—Exports and Re-exports, published by the Directorate General of Com-

mercial Intelligence & Statistics, Calcutta.

राजस्थान में कलाना स्टेशन पर गाड़ियों का रुकना

5418. श्री बेगाराम चौहान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में श्री गंगानगर में कलाना स्टेशन पर चार रेलगाड़ियां नहीं रुकती है; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कलाना गांव जो कलाना रेलवे स्टेशन के पास है अनेक कस्बों की तुलना में बड़ा है और वह एक कस्बे के समान है तथा रेलगाड़ियों के कलाना रेलवे स्टेशन पर न रुकने से इस गांव के लोगों को भारी असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ता है तथा क्या इस स्टेशन से गुजरने वाली सभी रेलगाड़ियां वहां दो मिनट के लिए रुकेगी ।

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) जी हां । चार जोड़ी गाड़ियों में से दो जोड़ी गाड़ियों के कलाना में ठहराव की व्यवस्था नहीं है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

Late Running of Coimbatore-Tuticorin Express Train

5419. SHRI K. A. RAJU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that Coimbatore-Rameswaram and Coimbatore-Tuticorin Express trains are running abnormally late almost all days;

(b) if so, what are the proposals to maintain the punctuality of these trains connecting important cities and pilgrim centres; and

(c) if there is any proposal to dieselize these trains to achieve punctuality and further strengthening of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) During October and November, 1977 punctuality performance of No. 165/166 Coimbatore-Rameswaram Express has been unsatisfactory due to heavy rains and Cyclone. Since then the position has improved. Punctuality performance of 149/150 Coimbatore-Tuticorin Express and 165/166 Coimbatore-Rameswaram Express has been satisfactory for the period December, 1977 to March, 1978 (Upto 20-3-78).

(b) A wath is being kept on punctuality performance of these trains by the Railways and all efforts are made to ensure punctual running of these trains.

(c) Dieselisation of long distance overcrowded mail/express trains is being done on a selective basis having regard to availability of diesel locomotives which are primarily required for movement of freight traffic. There is no proposal at present to dieselise these trains.

गंगापुर सिटी में रेलवे अस्पताल

5520. श्री मीठा लाल पटेल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गंगापुर सिटी (पश्चिमी रेलवे, कोटा) में बहुत बड़ी संख्या में रेल कर्मचारी रह रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या वहां स्थानीय रेलवे अस्पताल में रोज आने वाले रोगियों की संख्या बहुत अधिक है ;

(ग) क्या एम्बुलेंस के न होने से रेल के कर्मचारियों को भारी कठिनाई हो रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या एम्बुलेंस की व्यवस्था करने का विचार है और यदि हां, तो कब और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) और (ख) जी हां।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Third Railway Terminal for Delhi

5421. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study team of the Railways had recommended Brar Square (Delhi Cantonment) as the ideal site for the third Railway terminal for the Delhi Metropolis;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government so far to see that this site comes up as full-fledged terminal in the near future;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the absence of this terminal the numerous residential colonies in West Delhi and South Delhi having a population of over two million are facing acute transportation problems; and

(d) the alternatives Government have in mind to overcome this problem till the third terminal at Brar Square comes up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). The possibility of locating the third terminal at Brar Square was considered by the Railways. This proposal could not however materialise as the area falls in Delhi Cantonment and it was not considered desirable to have a