

**Representations Seeking Extension of
Howrah-Rourkela Express to
Titlagarh**

348. SHRI AINTHU SAHOO :

SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of RILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Western Districts of Orissa including the merchant associations of different areas have made a massive representation to the Central Government to extend the Howrah-Rourkela Express train upto Titlagarh in the South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to consider the demands of the people of that area?

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

(b) Extension of 5/6 Howrah-Rourkela Express to and from Titlagarh is operationally not feasible due to inadequate terminal facilities at Titlagarh.

Request by All India Plastics Manufacturers Association for Duty Reduction in Polystyrene

349. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Plastics Manufacturers Association has urged the Centre for duty reduction in Polystyrene; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) :

(a) and (b). Request from the All India Plastics Manufacturers Association and others for reduction of cus-

toms duty on polystyrene were examined earlier and it was felt that there was no need for such a reduction.

However, a fresh representation in this regard received from the Small Scale Plastic Manufacturers' Association is under examination.

Varanasi Diesel Loco Works Target

350. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Diesel Loco Works at Varanasi will not be able to achieve the target of production of locos fixed for 1978-79; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The shortfall in the production of Diesel Locos at Diesel Loco Works during 1978-79 is due to shortfall in supply of 'Electrical Equipment' by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal.

Loco Production

351. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dispute between BHEL and Railways has adversely affected the past and current loco production; and

(b) if so, the details of the dispute and steps taken to resolve it and the results thereof?

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