

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

(b) Delhi-Ahmedabad M.G. trunk route (934 kms.) of which Delhi-Phulera is a part, has been approved for conversion to B.G. The total cost of conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad is more than Rs. 100 crores and the project is proposed to be executed in phases consistent with available financial resources.

2nd Platform at Raichur

8751. **SHRI RAJSHEKHAR KOLUR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work pertaining to the extension of the second platform at Raichur has commenced and for how many compartments; and

(b) if so, its estimated cost and the period fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Platform No. 2 at Raichur Station is being extended to hold 18 bogies. This work is being done along with raising of the platform and provision of carriage watering arrangements. The entire work is estimated to cost about Rs. 4.12 lakhs and is targeted for completion by August, 1979.

Construction of Ropeways in Meghalaya

8752. **SHRI P. A. SANGMA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Meghalaya State Government had submitted any proposals for construction of ropeways;

(b) the number, location and details of the ropeways proposed to be constructed in the State; and

(c) the reaction of the Centre on the proposals forwarded by the State Government in this regard and the steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, such proposal has been received by the Ministry of Shipping and Transport.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Requirement of Coal on Southern Railway

8753. **SHRI P. A. SANGMA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the normal requirement of coal per day and the quantity available for consumption every day on the Southern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): Normal daily requirement of coal for Southern Railway is 3000 tonnes. Keeping in view the transit time from the collieries to the consuming points, minimum ground stocks of 24000 tonnes are required to ensure catering for the above requirement. The actual stocks held on 22-4-79 were 5700 tonnes.

Delay in Clearance of Goods at Calcutta Port

8754. **SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accumulation of goods at Calcutta Port continues due to non-clearance and delay in clearance ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-clearance, delay during the last six months, (month-wise, date-wise);

(c) the details of the demurrage charge, accumulated during the said period month-wise;