

Muzaffarpur Region on North Eastern Railway are not in working order;

(b) the number of tube-wells (hand pump) sunk which are in order at present; and

(c) whether the tube-wells sunk were of old pattern?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Four hundred and seventy-three.

(c) Tube-wells sunk are of the usual designs that are in common use in the country.

MANGANESE AND IRON MINES IN ORISSA

435. Shri Nanadas: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers rendered unemployed in the State of Orissa as a result of the closure of manganese and iron ore mines; and

(b) the names of mines affected by the recent closure?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) About 2,000 on the basis of the employment figures for 1953. (Information is not available in respect of one mine).

(b) *Iron ore Mine*

Hatisikil

Manganese Mines

Badipuli

Lasorda

K-13

Roida "D" Block

Sagarbhanga

Harishchandrapur

Pamposh.

CANADIAN LOCOMOTIVE BOILERS

436. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Canadian Locomotive Boilers under the Colombo Plan have reached India up till now;

(b) if so, the number of such boilers; and

(c) their cost?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) 20.

(c) £8,075 F.O.B. per boiler.

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS

437. Shri M. R. Krishna: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concession in fares is given to the visitors to places of historical, cultural and religious interest; and

(b) what additional facilities are provided to the tourists?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a)

(i) Students of recognised schools and colleges in parties of not less than four and teachers of primary and secondary schools in parties of not less than five, when travelling for educational tours of places of historical, geographical and cultural importance are granted concessional tickets.

(ii) Standard circular tour tickets for 1,500 miles and over are issued to individuals at concessional fares.

(iii) Concessional return tickets are issued to visitors to places of religious interest during important *melas*, provided the grant of the concession is commercially justified.

Barring the concessions referred to above, visitors to places of historical, cultural and religious interest are not granted concession in rail fares as a matter of course.

(b) (i) Special trains are run and special carriages attached to booked trains where required.

(ii) The standard of retiring rooms has been raised at certain stations and new retiring rooms constructed at