

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अनुमानतः कितना व्यय होगा और वह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपसंची (बी मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख). सीतापुर-बूढ़वल मीटर लाइन खंड के प्रथम परिवर्तन के संबंध में बैकल्पिक अध्ययन किये जा रहे हैं। बखनऊ-कानपुर मीटर लाइन खंड को बड़ी लाइन में बदल का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

कानपुर-कासगंज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलना

7261. श्री क्या राम शर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि : क्या कानपुर कासगंज मीटर गेज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का कोई प्रस्ताव है बाकि एटा, कन्नौदा, मथोपुर तथा अन्व जिले की व्यापारिक दृष्टि से पूर्वी भारत के साथ बड़ी लाइन द्वारा जोड़े जा सकें ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपसंची (बी मल्लिकार्जुन) : जी नहीं।

Ships touching Calcutta Port

7262. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of ships touching Calcutta Port is much below the capacity of the port;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that labour trouble is being quoted as a reason by the shipping companies;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that there was hardly any labour trouble this year;

(d) whether the Central Government's export and import through Calcutta Port have gone down this year; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes.

(b) This Ministry is not aware.

(c) There has been comparative peace on the labour front in Calcutta during 1980 as compared to the corresponding period of 1979. However, there have been a number of cases of detention of ships by the crew demanding compensation for alleged inconveniences during voyage.

(d) As against exports worth Rs. 727 crores in 1978-79, the value of exports during 1979-80 is estimated at Rs. 684 crores approximately. Similar figures of imports are not maintained.

(e) Several factors, including frequent labour disputes at the Port and in various organisations not under the Port management but connected with Port operations during 1979 are responsible.

Inland Harbour/Port at Farakka

7263. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Inland Harbour/Port is being constructed at Farakka;

(b) if so, the progress so far achieved; and

(c) the date of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) No, Sir. No inland harbour/port is being constructed at Farakka.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Coal wagon allotments for Maharashtra Small Scale Industries

7264. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKRAM PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly quota of wagon allotments for movement of steam