

handled by the Border Roads Organisation in the area since the inception of this Organisation in March 1960.

Holding up of trains at Patna Junction

1329. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all trains were held up at Patna junction for five hours on the 16th May, 1980 when railway policemen run amuck, beating up railway staff and breaking furniture;

(b) whether the trouble was caused by refusal of a railway sub-inspector to show a valid pass or ticket to the ticket collector at the exit, and the subsequent altercation; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been held into the incident and action taken against the guilty policemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Yes, on 16-5-1980, all trains were held up at Patna Junction Station for nearly 3½ hours and not for 5 hours, for alleged assault on ticket collectors of Patna Junction Station by Government Railway Police staff of Patna Junction station as a sequel to an altercation between SI/ GRP, Bhagalpur and a Ticket Collector on duty at Enquiry Counter Patna Junction Station. However, no breaking of furniture of Station has been reported.

District Magistrate, Patna had set up a Committee for finding out the cause of the trouble but in the meantime the Railway staff of Patna Junction Station filed a criminal case against the G.R.P. Staff in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Patna. The Committee, therefore, could not finalise the enquiry, as the case became subjudice. However, SI/GRP, Bhagalpur who was involved in the altercation has been placed under suspension by SRP/Patna.

बस्तर क्षेत्र में रेल लाइनों के लिए सर्वेक्षण

1330. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने बस्तर क्षेत्र में रेल लाइनों बिछाने के लिए अनेक सर्वेक्षण किये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेल लाइनों बिछाने का काम कब तक आरम्भ करने का विचार है?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) और (ख). जी हां, योजना आयोग के परामर्श से दिल्ली-राजहरा से जगदलपुर तक एक नये बड़ी लाइन रेल सम्पर्क का निर्माण करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

Smaller vessels for coastal shipping

1331. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Shipyard is working to prescribed schedule;

(b) whether Government have plans to build smaller vessels suitable for Indian Coastal Shipping; and

(c) whether and how the Shipyard has helped the growth of industries to function as ancillary units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Every effort is being made to catch up the time lost.

(b) No—However the Government of India have a scheme for grant of repayable loans to the maritime State Governments for being disbursed to sailing vessels owners for construction of new mechanised sailing vessels and mechanisation of the existing sailing vessels for the coastal run.

(c) One Ancillary Unit for production of Oxygen and Acetylene to meet its requirements has been established in the Cochin Shipyard premises.