

27th March 1980 regarding proposal to amend payment of Bonus Act 1965 and to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action to amend the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) (a) and (b): The matter is under consideration of Government.

**Movement of Essential Commodities**

1362. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it was decided by the Railways that close

liaison would be maintained with State Government for movement of essential commodities into the States:

(b) if so, whether the Railways have set up monitoring cells at the zonal and divisional levels to watch movement of essential commodities; and

(c) if so, the details regarding loading, unloading and movement of rice, wheat vanaspati, edible oils, sugar, salt, soft coke diesel and kerosene during the last six months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, but temporarily.

(c) A statement showing loading of foodgrains, petroleum products (POL) imported edible oil, soft coke, sugar and salt is attached.

**Statement**

Loading in wagons  
IMPORTED

Month	FOODGRAINS		P.O.L.		EDIBLE OIL, Soft Coke			SUGAR		SALT	
	BG	MG	BG	MG	BG	MG	BG	MG	BG	MG	
1979 December	49696	19782	48958	8656	464	367	3348	694	960	5082	8101
1980 January	47966	18105	48840	7529	586	206	2976	1971	961	5553	7261
February	44428	17327	45065	8069	647	187	2407	3335	1885	4004	7830
March	52134	15818	49904	8949	655	205	3937	4931	3430	4223	7476
April	*45450	*14640	47700	8850	940	250	2340	3709	2765	4003	6968
May	*30530	*15438	47058	7874	1021	235	3100	4538	2987	*4867	*5797

\*provisional figures.

**Conversion of Amedpur-Katwa Line**

1363. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government for the conversion of

the narrow gauge Amedpur-Katwa-Bandel-Katwa line into metre gauge and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

Ahmedpur-Katwa and Burdwan-Katwa narrow gauge lines non-Government Railways but are worked by the Eastern Railway. There is no proposal presently under consideration for converting these narrow gauge lines into broad gauge.

#### Sheoraphuli-Tarakeswar Line

1364: PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the demand of double tracks between Sheoraphuli and Tarakeswar and extension of lines up to Bishnupur via Arambagh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI MALLKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Alarming Increase in Malaria Cases

1365. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming increase in the Malaria cases in the country;

(b) the number of cases of Malaria registered with Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons died due to the disease during the said period; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to eradicate this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI  
NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No,  
Sir.

(b) and (c): A statement I indicating the State-Wise incidence and deaths due to Malaria during the calendar years, 1977, 1978 & 1979 is enclosed.

(d) A Modified Plan of Operation for controlling Malaria in the country as a whole is being implemented. A statement II containing the salient features of the Modified Plan of Operation is attached.

#### Statement I

*Statewise Incidence and number of deaths due to Malaria during 1977 to 1979*

S.1	Name of the No. States/UTs.	1977		1978		1979 (prov)	
		Incidence-Death		Incidence-Death		Incidence-Death	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh . . .	114620	—	71723	—	50150	—
2.	Assam . . . . .	96771	35	80073	30	64015	58
3.	Bihar . . . . .	41097	—	44787	—	54573	—
4.	Gujarat . . . . .	722687	—	399254	—	319020	—
5.	Haryana . . . . .	639063	2	708098	1	397332	1
6.	Himachal Pradesh . . .	42154	—	49947	—	40371	—