

Diesel Rail Car Service

5387. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start operation of the diesel Rail Car Service in the Shantipur—Krishnagar—Nabadwip Ghat section;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Introduction of Diesel Rail Car on Shantipur—Krishnagar—Nabadwip Ghat Section was not found feasible due to technical reasons. However, a review is being made and action as found feasible will be taken.

Principles of covering Railway Platforms

5388. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the principles on the basis of which platforms are covered on the Railway Stations on Western Railway between Ajmer and Khandwa in meter gauge and Kota and Nagda in broad gauge;

(b) whether his Ministry followed the principles in covering the platforms between Ajmer and Khandwa on meter gauge and between Kota and Nagda on broad gauge of Western Railway; and

(c) if not, whether steps to cover the complete platform of Mandasaur and Shyamgarh Railway stations will be taken up to remove the difficulties of people?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) According to the norms laid down, normally, covered shed on platforms is provided at the rate of 6 square feet per passenger for half the number of maximum passengers dealt with at a time. At stations where more covered shed area is

required as per norms, action is taken to provide the same on a programmed basis in consultation with the Railway Users Amenities Committee.

(c) There is already a platform shed at Mandasaur and as per norms this is adequate to deal with the traffic offering at that station. At Shyamgarh, there is a proposal to construct a platform shed with an area of 280 square metres and this work is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

Supply of Tickets to Sealdah Division Railway Stations

5389. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of Railway Stations of Sealdah Division have got no supply of daily tickets for several months during the year ending 30th June, 1980;

(b) if so, particulars of the stations that did not get the supply of daily tickets and period of time they are not having the tickets (station-wise);

(c) what are measures taken by Government to regularise the supply; and

(d) the loss incurred by each station due to non-supply of daily tickets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) During the year ending 30th June, 1980, printed card tickets were not available at the following stations of the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway for the periods ranging from one to three months:—

Mathurapur Road, Ballygunge, Dum-Dum Cantt., Birati, Machhalandpur, Barasat, Bongaon, Hasanabad, Debagram, Plassey, Beldanga, Murshidabad, Shyamnagar, Sodpur, Naihati, Madanpur and Birnagar,

(c) The following measures have