

5. Union Ministry of Agriculture have constituted a Development Committee for Medicinal Plants and Drugs, functions of which are:—

(a) to consider the raw materials supply position to the existing industries, identify the difficulties in ensuring sustained supply and recommend suitable measures;

(b) to consider proposals for raw materials supply for the expansion of existing units or establishment of new ones;

(c) to recommend programmes for the creation of plantations based on the present and prospective needs of raw materials;

(d) to recommend developmental/research programmes in respect of those plants and drugs which appear promising but are not properly utilised.

Triangular Platform at Shornur Junction

5473. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to construct a triangular platform at Shornur Junction— which is a junction where three railway lines—Ernakulam-Shornur, Mangalore-Shornur, and Shornur-Palghat-Madras lines are meeting together; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of Electric Trains in Kerala

5474. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to introduce electric trains in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the time by which this will be done?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Station between Raigada and Khariar Road

5475. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Railway stations between Raigada and Khariar Road of Orissa are very old and without proper facilities; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal to improve the condition of these stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The stations on this section, which were constructed around 1930, are provided with all basic facilities. Improvement/augmentation of the existing facilities is being taken up on a programme basis taking into account the relative needs of various stations and the availability of funds. Accordingly, provision of an upper class waiting room at Singapuram Road and a tea stall at Kesinga have been approved and included in the Works Programme for 1980-81.

पूर्व रेलवे में टी० टी० ई० (पोर्टर) के पद

5476. श्री रामाक्षर शास्त्री :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या पूर्व रेलवे में टी० टी० ई० (पोर्टर) का पद काफी घर्से से अस्तित्व में है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इसे समाप्त करने का है;