

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;

(द) क्या दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे में टी० टी० ई० (पोर्टर) के पद के अतिरिक्त टी० सी० (पोर्टर) का भी पद है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पूर्व रेलवे में टी० टी० ई० (पोर्टर) के पद को समाप्त करने का औचित्य और कारण क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) (क) जी हां :

(ख) जी नहीं, दूसरी ओर, इन पदों को स्थायी रूप से बनाये रखने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Overbridges for Karnataka

5477. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has approached the Union Government for sanctioning overbridges for Karnataka during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the amount, so far, sanctioned in this regard; and

(c) the number of over bridges which are under construction and the amount, so far, spent as well as the progress made in this regard?

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

(b) No funds have, so far, been sanctioned as the proposals made by

the Government of Karnataka are still under the examination of the Railway in consultation with the former. The proposals which are complete in all respects will be considered for inclusion in the Railways Works Programme 1981-82 subject to the availability of funds.

(c) The following two road overbridged sanctioned earlier are under construction in Karnataka State:

Sl. No.	Location	Amount spent	Progress
upto 31-3-80			
1	Londa	Rs 7.08 lakhs	75% upto 30-6-80
2	Scram	Nil	Work is proposed to be started shortly

Traffic Handling Capacity in Different Ports

5478. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the port-wise capacity of traffic handling in different ports in the country; and

(b) the performance of each port during the last three years, port-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A statement indicating the port-wise capacity in respect of various commodities is attached.

(b) A statement indicating the port-wise year-wise traffic in respect of various commodities during last 3 years is attached.