

resources including Bauxite deposit in the area and is likely to be completed by December, 1980.

5. *New Rail line from Khurd a Road to Bolan-gir via Phulbani.*

There is no proposal presently under consideration for taking up the survey for this rail link which will be approximately 288 kms. long and is expected to cost around Rs. 52 crores.

Refusal by Yugoslav Shipyard to deliver Cargo Ship

2431. SHRI K.T. KOSALRAM :
SHRI NAND KISHORE
SHARMA :
SHRI JANARDHANA POO-
JARY :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Yugoslav Shipyard has refused to deliver the four cargo ships ordered by the Shipping Corporation of India at the contracted price of Dollar 10.3 million each ; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken for violation of contractual obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are under way to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution.

Mechanised sailing vessels

2432. SHRI O. P. YADAV Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sailing vessels registered in India as on 31st December, 1979;

(b) the number of mechanised sailing vessels out of them ;

(c) the approximate load lifted by the vessels during the year ;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of mechanised sailing vessels in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):
(a) 14,333.

(b) 2,528.

(c) The total cargo carried during the calendar year 1979 was 8,14,475 tonnes. Of this, 6,02,804 tonnes moved along the Indian coast and 2,11,671 tonnes were carried in Overseas trade viz., India/ West Asia Gulf and Sri Lanka sectors.

(d) and (e). A scheme for the grant of loans for mechanisation of the existing sailing vessels and construction of new mechanised sailing vessels is already in operation. Under this scheme, repayable loans are sanctioned to the Maritime State Governments for being disbursed as loans to sailing vessel owners.

Overcrowded trains in the broad-gauge line of Western Railway

2433. SHRI AJITSINH DABHI :
Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the (i) Gujarat Queen (9 down, 10 Up), (ii) Viramgam passenger (41 down, 42 Up), (iii) Sabarmati Express (165 down, 166 Up), (iv) Gujarat Express (11 down, 12 Up), (v) Saurashtra Express (12 down, 13 Up) and (vi) Passenger train (47 down, 48 Up); running on the broad gauge line of the Western Railway almost always remain overcrowded as a result of which passengers travelling in these trains suffer great inconvenience;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps to remove the overcrowding in these trains ; and

(c) if not, why ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, there is some overcrowding on these trains on certain sections.

(b) and (c). Further augmentation of the loads of these service is not feasible at present for want of berthing capacity for longer trains and the terminals and at stations enroute, shunting difficulties at intermediate stations and difficulties of spare capacity on some of the trains. However, a survey is in progress to assess the passengers requirements on this route as well as the need for more terminal facilities on the entire section.

Kalinga Express

2434. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have in the past received several representations from the people of Western Orissa to convert