

taken to improve the punctuality performance of passenger trains on the Sealdah-Ranaghat-Lalgola Section under the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The punctuality of passenger carrying trains on the Sealdah-Ranaghat-Lalgola Section is being kept under watch. Instructions have been issued to take severe action against staff found responsible in case of avoidable detentions. Liaison is also being maintained with the State Government to control the heavy incidence of alarm chain pulling and disconnection of hose-pipes by miscreants.

परमानू के लिये रेल लाइन

2441. श्री कृष्ण वत्त सुलतानपुरी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के औद्योगिक क्षेत्र, परमानू के किस तारीख तक रेल लाइन से जोड़ दिया जाएगा; और

(ख) यह काम कब आरम्भ होने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) और (ख). कालका से परमानू तक एक नयी बड़ी लाइन के निर्माण के लिए इंजीनियरी-एवं-यातायात सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है और सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट की जांच के बाद ही कोई विनिश्चय किया जा सकता है साथ ही, रेलवे लाइन के निर्माण का निश्चय तभी किया जा सकता है जब संसाधन उपलब्ध हों और योजना आयोग इसके लिए स्वीकृति दे दे ।

Railway Communication in Backward and Hilly Areas

2442. SHRI JYOTIMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how further the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee of

Parliament in regard to the expansion and improvement of railway communication facilities in the backward and hilly regions of the country, have been implemented ; and

(b) whether Government is satisfied with the progress ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). As a follow-up action on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee contained in their 191st report for 1975-76 (Paras 1.11 and 1.14), a National Transport Policy Committee was appointed by the Planning Commission in April 1978 to evolve a comprehensive national transport policy tailored to meet the plan priorities in the country. One of the six working groups constituted by the NTPC was asked to make an in-depth analysis of the policy of construction of new lines and suggest criteria in respect of such lines including developmental and unremunerative lines as cannot be justified on purely financial consideration. Based on the report of the working groups, the NTPC has finalised its deliberations and submitted its report to the Planning Commission in May, 1980. The recommendations of the NTPC are being processed by the Planning Commission in consultation with the concerned Ministers of the government of India. Due consideration will be given for construction of new lines in backward and hilly areas in the light of the accepted recommendations of the NTPC.

गोरखपुर में कर्मचारियों के लिये आवास

2443. श्री अशफाक हुसैन : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गोरखपुर स्थित पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे मुख्यालय में भूमि का कुल क्षेत्र कितना है जहाँ अधिकारी और कर्मचारी रहते हैं;

(ख) विभिन्न प्रकार के आवास के लिये कितने भू-क्षेत्र का उपयोग किया जा

रहा है और कितने व्यक्तियों को आवास उपलब्ध कराया गया है ; और

(ग) विभागाध्यक्ष के बंगले के लिये उपयोग की जा रही भूमि का विशिष्ट ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :
(क) गोरखपुर में 799 एकड़ भूमि में अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के मकान बने हुए हैं ।

(ख)	कर्मचारी क्वार्टरों का क्षेत्रफल	ट्रांजिट विश्राम गृह का क्षेत्रफल	अधिकारियों के बंगलों का क्षेत्रफल
जिन कर्मचारियों/अधिकारियों के लिए आवास की व्यवस्था की गयी है	एकड़ 117 4838	एकड़ 60 730	एकड़ 176 204

(ग) विभागाध्यक्षों के 20 बंगले 85 एकड़ भूमि में बने हुए हैं । विभागाध्यक्षों के बंगलों के 40 प्रतिशत क्षेत्र का ही उनके द्वारा वास्तव में उपयोग किया जा रहा है जिसमें बंगला और साथ का लान और बगीचा शामिल है । बाकी के क्षेत्र की भूमि में पुराने पेड़ और नये पौधे लगे हुए हैं ।

Ambaguda-Lanjigarh Road Line

2444. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey work of Ambaguda-Lanjigarh Road Railway has been completed ;

(b) if not, when it is to be completed ; and

(c) the steps which government have taken in this regard so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes. Cost-cum-feasibility survey for the proposed line from Lanjigarh Road to Ambaguda (199.5 kms.) was carried out in 1965-66 and at the rates

prevalent then, was estimated to cost Rs. 16.31 crores. It was estimated that the proposed investment in the new line would yield a return of 3.3% in the sixth year of opening of the line. Since there were no firm commitments for setting up a steel plant or other industry in the area served by the project line, and in view of constraint of resources, construction of the new line was not sanctioned.

(b) and (c). The question of taking up a fresh survey for Ambaguda to Lanjigarh has been examined recently. In the context of the proposed 8 lakh tonnes Alumina Plant to be installed at Damanjodi near Koraput in Orissa, a preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey for Koraput-Salur/Parvatipuram/Rayagada is being carried out by M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services and is expected to be completed by December, 1980. The survey now in progress is for a new railway line to be laid for connecting a suitable station on the existing Kottavalasa-Kirandulline at the one end and Raipur-Vizianagare rail link at the other end and will serve the needs of the area which the Hon'ble Member has referred in this question.

Deaths due to Malaria and Typhoid

2445. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths due to malaria and typhoid diseases in the country till September, 1980, and

(b) the action taken by Government to check further deaths ?