

(vii) Dog Squads are also being utilised or patrolling yards and arrest of suspects.

(viii) Close co-ordination is made by RPF with the Government Railway Police and Civil Police for effectively tackling the problem of thefts and pilferages.

(ix) As a special measure, in the Eastern sector, specially in the coal belt area of Bihar 5 companies of Railway Protection Special Force have recently been deployed for escorting coal rakes, other goods trains and track patrolling in vulnerable sections of Dhanbad Division.

#### **Countries with whom India does not have Shipping Link**

3367. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries in South Asia South-East and West Asia with whom India does not have shipping links;

(b) the names of the National Shipping lines of these countries which touch Indian ports; and

(c) whether there are some third country shipping lines which ply between India and these countries?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Israel, Brunei, Vietnam, Kampuchea, East Timor, Macao and Maldives.

(b) Of the national lines of these countries, only Maldives Shipping Limited of Maldives, touches India ports.

(c) Some of the prominent third country shipping lines which ply between India and the countries in South and South East Asia are:—

1. Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd., Japan.
2. Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Japan.
3. Everett Orient Line Inc. Japan.
4. Splosna Plovba, Yugoslavia.

5. Jugolinija, Yugoslavia.

6. Far East Shipping Company, Hongkong.

7. Maersk Line, Japan.

8. American President Line, USA.

9. Blue Star Line, U.K.

10. Hongkong Lines, Hongkong.

11. Maldives Line, Maldives.

#### **Stations to be Strengthened in Karnataka**

3368. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Karnataka which are to be strengthened with regard to additional platform, goods sheds and siding specially in industrial towns; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the goods traffic in Karnataka region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the concerned zonal railways and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Electrification up to Midnapur**

3369. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation regarding extension of electrification up to Midnapur from Kharagpur in the S.E. Railway;

(b) whether Government have agreed to concede to this demand; and

(c) if not, the reason for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) No.