

(c) by when the construction work is likely to start; and

(d) the total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of the proposed bridge over Yamuna river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (d). According to the information received from Delhi Administration, while the final report from the Central Road Research Institute, has been received final reports from the Central Water and Power Research Station and Geological Survey of India are, however, yet to be received by them. Pending receipt of these reports, the Local Administration have prepared estimates for main bridge including via-duct. Eastern approach and left guide-bund. The sub-estimate for fly over and improvement of junction at Ring Road is being prepared by them. According to the Local Administration, the work is likely to cost about Rs. 23 crores and the work could start within 12 months from the date of receipt of sanction from the concerned authorities after clearance by the Finance and Planning Commission to whom the project proposal has still to be projected.

Shipping Services

4409. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India at present operating its services to all countries;

(b) if not, the name of the countries where the Shipping Corporation of India is not at present operating its services; and

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEE-

RENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c). The Shipping Corporation of India Limited is at present operating its services to almost all areas of the world except West African and Latin American countries. It has recently planned to start an all-container service to West African Ports from December, 1980. SCI also hopes to provide a container oriented service for carrying Indian exports to Carribean and Latin American countries during 1980-81.

Allotment of Bookstall at Delhi Station

4410. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways in November, 1980 invited applications through wide publicity from eligible categories for the allotment of bookstall on newly constructed/added Platforms at Delhi station;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether A. H. Wheeler & Co., filed a writ petition in Delhi Court with collusion with Railway for the reasons the unemployed persons may not get chance to have the bookstall on newly constructed/added platform No. 14-A at this station.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Advertisement Notice inviting applications was sent to the Chief Public Relations Officer, Northern Railway, for wide publicity through Press. A copy of the same was displayed at Delhi main station and another copy was sent to the Directorate General Employment Exchange, New Delhi. Due to some technical flaws, the advertisement notice was not ultimately sent to the Press.

(c) M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. (P) Ltd., the existing bookstall contractors, filed a civil writ petition in Delhi High Court to restrain the

Railway Administration from granting Licence for bookstalls on this platform to any other party. Later on, the petition was withdrawn by the party at the suggestion of the Court, which also ordered for arbitration of the case in terms of the agreement. The dispute is now pending before the Sole Arbitrator.

Cancellation of Local Trains on Samadari-Bhildi Line

4411. SHRI VIRDHA RAM PHULWARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for cancelling the local trains on Samadari-Bhildi line in the first instance whenever there is shortage of coal in Jodhpur Division;

(b) whether Government have under their consideration a proposal for the construction of a shed for platform at Marwar Bhimal Railway station on Samadari-Bhildi line and if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if there is no proposal for the construction of shed at the platform at Marwar Bhimal station the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) In the event of shortage of coal, trains are partially cancelled in the first instance on sections where more than two or three trains services are available. On sanctions where only one train is operating, cancellation is avoided to the extent possible.

(b) & (c). Keeping in view the present and anticipated passenger traffic at this station, proposal for a shed will be processed for inclusion in Works Programme in the future, subject to recommendations of Railway Users' Amenities Committee and availability of funds.

Wagon Production at Mokame

4412. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways pay less for a wagon produced at Mokame than what they do for those located in other states;

(b) what steps Government consider to end this dual price policy; and

(c) what steps are under contemplation for utilisation of the present capacity for wagon production in the country to meet the existing shortage of wagons.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The prices of wagons are fixed on the basis of wage structure of each wagon builder as certified by an independent agency of the Ministry of Finance. Accordingly the latest wagon prices for Mokame Unit are less than those for the West Bengal and Rajasthan Units, but more than the prices for the U.P. Unit. There is no proposal to change this pricing policy.

(c) The capacity utilisation of wagon builders depends upon the plan allocations to be made by the Planning Commission and the traffic needs for the wagons and procurement of wagons is planned on year to year basis consistent with the plan allocations.

Number of Persons killed and injured in DTC Bus Accidents

4413. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers killed and injured for accidents involving D.T.C. buses in Delhi and other places where D.T.C. buses