

ation due to various reasons such as coal shortage, public and staff agitation, floods and breaches, accidents, Overhead Electric Wire failures, miscreant activities etc.

(c) Most of the reasons for cancellation of trains were beyond the control of the Railways. However, a close liaison is being maintained with the coal producing authorities and the State Governments. Efforts are also being made to ensure that least convenience is caused to the travelling public.

Southern Railway Electrification Programme

1479. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification programmes on the Southern Railway are lagging far behind the schedule; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures proposed in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Waterways

1480. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARAY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major plan is being formulated by the Government to develop waterways on all India basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH). (a) and (b). Proposals, as in the past, have been formulated for inclusion in the Sixth Five-Year Plan for development of inland water transport. The Sixth Plan has however, not yet been finalised.

National Shipping Board

1481. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Board has been constituted;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Board and the State from which they come; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and when the Board will be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The question of reconstituting the National Shipping Board is under consideration of the Government.

नसबंदी का लक्ष्य

1482. आचार्य भगवान बेव : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वर्ष में नसबंदी कार्यक्रम के लिए राज्य-वार कितना लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) अब तक राज्य-वार कितना लक्ष्य प्राप्त किया गया है ;

(ग) पेट का आप्रेशन प्रणाली तथा प्रचलित प्रणाली के द्वारा किये गये नसबंदी आप्रेशनों की अलग अलग संख्या कितनी है ;

(घ) क्या पेट का आप्रेशन प्रणाली के द्वारा किये गये नसबंदी आप्रेशन प्रचलित प्रणाली द्वारा किये गये आप्रेशनों के समान ही प्रभावी हैं ; और

(ङ) नसबंदी की पेट का आप्रेशन प्रणाली तथा प्रचलित प्रणाली में क्या आधार-भूत अन्तर है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नीहार रंजन लसकर) : (क) और (ख). अपेक्षित सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है ।