

Jakhapura Banspani Line

490. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to start the construction of second phase of the Jakhapura-Banspani Railway line (Orissa) from Daitari to Banspani in this financial year;

(b) if so, the progress made, so far;

(c) the target date of the completion of the second phase construction work of the above Railway line from Jakhapura to Banspani; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The proposal to take up the construction work on the second phase of the Jakhapura-Banspani rail link from Daitari to Banspani is still under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Trains cancelled in Madurai Division

491. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trains have been cancelled in Madurai Division during the past six months for want of coal; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to avert cancellation of trains frequently for want of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) On an average 10 pairs of Passenger trains partially or fully

and 4.3 Goods trains were cancelled per day on Madurai Division during August, 80 to January, 81 due to shortage of coal.

(b) At present the overall availability of steam coal in the country is not enough to meet the combined requirements of Railways and Industries in full. Railways, despite their being the carrier and distributor of coal, have to consider the complaints which come from various Industrial Units asking for more and more steam coal. Thus, keeping in view the needs of different sectors of the economy, a voluntary cut in the intake of loco coal for Railway services had been resorted to. Instructions have, however been issued to the coal loading Railways to step up loading to meet the requirements of Railways at a reasonably satisfactory level.

Wagon Manufacturing Capacity

492. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU:
SHRI A. C. DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous wagons manufacturing capacity is not able to meet the projected growth in freight traffic in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to increase additional production of wagons; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Traffic Survey Reports

439. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry examined the traffic survey report of Narrow Gauge Railway lines in the country: