

**Conversion of Darbhanga-Jayanagar Line**

4326. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Budget speech of 1980-81 the then Railway Minister had assured the House that survey work for conversion of Darbhanga to Jayanagar Meter Gauge line would be taken upon priority basis;

(b) if so whether the above work has been completed; and

(c) if not, what is the stage of conversion?

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

(b) The survey work is expected to be completed by 30-6-1981.

(c) The matter would be examined further on receipt of survey report and if found viable the project would be undertaken for construction subject to clearance and allotment of funds by the Planning Commission

**Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga Line**

4327. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey work for opening of a new line between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga has been completed;

(b) if so, whether this work is going to be taken up in near future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c). As per survey report the project was not found financially viable and has not been taken up for construction.

**Conversion of Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj Line**

4328. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for converting metre gauge line into broad gauge line from Darbhanga to Narkatiaganj; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) A survey was carried out during 1969-70 for conversion of the existing M G. line from Samastipur to Raxaul via Muzaffarpur and also via Darbhanga. Since these projects were yielding a very low return the same were not pursued in full. Only the section from Samastipur to Muzaffarpur was converted into B G. in 1975 and gauge conversion of Samastipur and Darbhanga section has been approved and will be taken up shortly.

**Purchase offices**

4329. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the purchase offices set up to purchase goods required for Railways are located outside the

Orissa State though a major portion of South Eastern Railways has been drawn in the State;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to locate one of such purchase offices in Orissa State;

(c) whether it is a fact that since the location of purchase offices are situated outside Orissa, the requirements of goods by Railways are not purchase dfrom the ancilliary units located in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to locate purchase offices of South Eastern Railway in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes. As a matter of policy, Purchase Offices of Zonal Railways have been centralised and located at their Headquarters. Purchase office of South Eastern Railway is accordingly located at its Headquarters at Garden Reach, Calcutta though the Railway spreads over various States viz. West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (d). No change in the present policy of locating Purchase Offices of Zonal Railways outside their Headquarters is contemplated at present.

(c) No. Purchases of Railway material are made by inviting tenders. Such tenders are advertised in the leading News Papers of the country. Bulletin tender enquiries are also issued to the firms registered with the Railways. Copies of Bulletin tender enquiries are being regularly sent to the Director of Industries, Orissa State for circulation among the ancilliary industrial units of the State. Industrial units of Orissa State desirous of supplying material to the Railways can always compete in such tenders as and when issued by the Railways.

#### Facilities Available for Training Maritime Personnel

4330. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing facilities available for training of maritime personnel;

(b) whether Government have reviewed these facilities with a view to modernising them in accordance with the changes in the shipping sciences; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The following Merchant Navy Training Institutions exist for training of maritime personnel:

(i) Training Ship 'Rajendra' Bombay, A pre-sea Training Institute to train 250 Navigating cadets for a one-year course;

(ii) Directorate of Marine Engineering Training, Calcutta—A pre-sea Training institute for training engineering cadets in a 4-year course.

(iii) Directorate of Marine Engineering Training, Bombay—A pre-sea Training institute for training Graduate Engineer cadets in a one-year course;

(iv) Lal Bahadur Shastri Nautical and Engineering College, Bombay—A post-sea training institute for preparing officers for various professional examinations conducted by Ministry of Shipping and Transport; and

(v) Three Ratings Training Establishments, namely, Training Ship 'Bhadra' at Calcutta, Training Ship 'Mekhala' at Visakhapatnam and Training ship 'Naulakshi' at Navlakhi. These are pre-sea training