

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide diesel engine for the train in order to enable a large number of commuters to attend offices in Delhi in time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-KARJUN): (a) and (b) No. Incidentally, 1-NHK is now running between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Hapur only and has been re-numbered 1-NDH.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### Water Transportation by Trains

8431. SHRI N. SELVARAJU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water is being transported by train from Mettupalayam to meet the water requirement of Coimbatore and Pothanur railway junctions and the Railway colonies;

(b) if so, the annual expenditure involved in this; and

(c) the alternate steps being taken to solve the problem permanently?

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

(b) The annual expenditure incurred is about Rs. 12 lakhs.

(c) A proposal for taking water from Siruvani Scheme of Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board to an extent of 5 lakh gallons per day to meet the requirements of Coimbatore and Podanur Junction has been sanctioned.

#### Middle Schools for Railway Employees in Ajmer

8432. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway employees at Ajmer;

(b) the number of middle schools to cater to the educational needs of children;

(c) whether there is any justification for starting a middle school for Railway employees' children;

(d) whether Government have received any representation in this regard;

(e) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(f) whether it is fact there is a persistent demand from Railway employees in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) 2445.

(b) There are 26 middle schools run by State Government & Local bodies/private institutions in Ajmer.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No.

#### Jhargram—Purulia Line

8433. SHRI MOTILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to construct a new railway line connecting Jhargram with Purulia in South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether Government are aware that the said area is a tribal area