

reduction of Goods Traffic moving via Dadar, the Government are contemplating to provide additional coaching facilities at Dadar. The scheme is yet to be formulated.

Per capita expenditure incurred to Health Care Programmes

1506. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1506 on the 27th November, 1980 re. per capita expenditure incurred on health care programme and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grants given by the World Health Organisation are taken into account while calculating the per capita annual expenditure incurred on Health Care Programme; and

(b) if so, the total amount received from World Health Organisation and other International Agencies in this behalf during the years 1973-74 to 1976-77?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Koraput—Rayagada Line

1507. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO:

SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received survey report of rail line from Koraput to Rayagada from M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the survey report has been examined by the concerned authority of his Ministry;

(d) the result of examination thereof;

(e) whether the said survey report will be sent to the Planning Commission for approval to include in the financial year 1981-82 for construction;

(f) if so, when; and

(g) the steps taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (g). The survey report has been received in the middle of January 1981 and is being examined in the different Directorates of the Ministry of Railways. Investment decision will be taken in consultation with the Planning Commission after evaluation of the survey report. The question of including this line for construction in the 6th Plan period is already under active consideration.

The objectives of the proposed Koraput-Rayagada line are to serve as an alternate route to Kottavalasa-Kirandul railway line whose throughput is limited to 10 million tonnes per annum for movement of iron ore for export to Japan and for use in the steel Plant at Visakhapatnam and to serve the proposed Alumina Complex at Damanjodi. The main features of the survey are:

Length of Koraput-Rayagada line	. 174.32 kms.
Estimated cost	. Rs. 112.10 crores
Number of stations	. 12
Estimated earnings from all traffic	. Rs. 39.95 crores
Working expenses (6th year of earning)	Rs. 25.76 crores
Internal rate of return	. 10.32%

Vacuum Certificates from Coal Pilots

1508. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a telegram from the Divisional

Secretary, All India Loco Running Staff Association regarding illegal order of Divisional Railway Authority, Dhanbad by compelling the drivers of Patratu to work the Coal Pilots without vacuum certificates;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons for the withdrawal of vacuum certificates from coal pilots;

(c) whether it is permitted under the Rules and Safe Working to work the trains without vacuum certificate;

(d) whether the approval of Commissioner of Railway Safety was taken for withdrawal of vacuum certificate from coal pilots; and

(e) the action taken by Government to ensure safe working?

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

(b) and (c). Coal Pilot Working Rules for Patratu do not stipulate issue of fresh vacuum certificate. This is also not considered necessary as empty rakes duly inspected and duly provided with vacuum certificates are received at Patratu and despatched to colliery sections after change of power and crew only. Thus the question of withdrawal of vacuum certificates from coal pilots does not arise.

(d) Does not arise, as the present practice is according to the existing rules.

(e) The existing Coal Pilot Working Rules have been framed keeping aspects of safe working in view and these are being followed.

Charging of Coal Consumers

1509. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has drawn his attention to the unjust

way the coal consumers are now being charged;

(b) whether the consumers presently are to pay according to the capacity of the wagon and 5 tonnes more whereas according to the industry, the wagon is never loaded full and in the process, the consumers are defrauded; and

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the difficulties of the coal consumers and whether they would charge according to the actual load carried in a wagon in place of the notional loads as at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) At a meeting with the Railway Minister, the President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry raised the question of levy of freight charges on coal in BOX wagons on marked carrying capacity plus five tonnes.

(b) and (c). Freight charges on coal loaded in BOX wagons are levied on carrying capacity plus five tonnes since BOX wagons are capable of being loaded to that extent. There is no question of notional load nor of defrauding the consumers or causing them any difficulty by the railways. Underloading by collieries, if any, is not the responsibility of the railways.

Feasibility of an Economic Line between Tuticorin and Colombo

1510. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Koil Pillai, the former administrator of Tuticorin Port had submitted an economically feasible line between Tuticorin and Colombo, since there is enough traffic potential even for a daily service; and