

as well as additional facilities like Railway quarters for staff and more machinery and equipment.

(c) Foundation Stone for the workshop was laid on 25th December 1980 by the President of India. Acquisition of 350 acres of land has been completed and further work of construction has been taken in hand.

Railway workers electrocuted

9397. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Workers electrocuted due to electric traction line during last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether violation of the Indian Electricals Rules and Electric Traction Manual by the authorities is responsible for most of these cases;

(c) if so, the result of the findings of the probes and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the recent change over from 1.5 KV DC to 25 KV AC with 132 KV tower line requires higher skill and greater safety measures;

(e) if so, steps taken thereon; and

(f) whether Government would increase remuneration of those employees commensurate with greater skill and risk involved, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) The number of electrocution cases in electrified area during 1978-79 have been 11, in 1979-80=7 and in 1980-81 =10.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes.

(e) The staff have been adequately trained. The safety instructions have

been laid down in AC Traction Manual. Refresher courses are imparted to the employees periodically during which safety instructions are specially emphasised.

(f) Does not arise.

Committee to re-examine the construction of flyover and widening of roads for Asian Games ...

9398. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two expert committees set up to re-examine the construction of flyovers and widening of roads for the Asian Games have submitted any reports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) and (b). Two expert Committees were set up by the Lt. Governor, Delhi to review the schemes for widening of roads and improvement of inter-sections with a view to reduce the number of trees to be cut to the absolute minimum. The Committees have submitted a joint report to the Lt. Governor, Delhi and it is under his consideration.

Terror among Indians in British Columbia

9399. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Terror among Indians in British Columbia' appearing in the 'Patriot', New Delhi, dated the 14th April, 1981; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.