

(f) if so, full details about these projects including both evaluation report in respect of Saharsa-Darbhanga line and feasibility report of diesel shed at Patna?

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

(b) to (f). No survey has so far been carried out for construction of Saharsa-Darbhanga railway line. Therefore financial viability of this line cannot be established. As regards the feasibility of a diesel loco shed near Patna, location of a Diesel Shed is decided after taking into account various factors such as suitability for operations, availability of infra-structural facilities etc. Location of diesel shed near Patna, viz., at Danapur is under consideration as a large number of steam hauled services on the Patna-Gaya Branch and the shuttle services in the Patna area are proposed to be dieselised in the future.

Setting up of Book Finance Corporation

1641. **SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for setting up a Book Finance Corporation which is so very badly needed for the uplift of Indian publishing trade;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) full details of the Book Finance Corporation with its expected activities and responsibilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

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

Decision to set up an Inland Container Depot at Delhi

1642. **SHRIMATI PRAMILA DAN-DAVATE:**

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up an Inland Container Depot at Delhi;

(b) whether this Depot will be declared as a dry port;

(c) whether any survey has been ordered in this respect; and

(d) what are the details of the survey report?

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

(b) To the extent that the Customs examination will be undertaken at the Depot.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Report is still awaited.

Agreements with Bahrain

1643. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what agreements if any have been signed with Bahrain for strengthening the economic ties following the Prime Minister's visit to that country; and

(b) the volume of trade with that country during the year 1980-81 and the volume of trade expected during the ensuing year?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Prime Minister has not paid a visit to Bahrain. The Amir of the State of Bahrain, H.H. Shaikh

Isa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa however visited India from April 27 to 30, 1981. An agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the two countries was signed during the visit.

(b) Indian exports to Bahrain during 1980 (latest figures available) totalled Rs. 284 million as against imports of Rs. 194 million. India thus had a favourable balance of trade of the order of Rs. 90 million. Efforts continue to be made to expand the volume of our trade with Bahrain.

पटना-रांची राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर पुन पुन नदी पर पुल

1344. श्री कुंवर राम : क्या नीबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पटना-रांची राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर फुलहा के निकट पुन पुन नदी पर पुल को बाँड़ा करने अथवा एक और पुल के निर्माण के प्रस्ताव पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ख) क्या शेरशाह के स्तूप बने पुल का जो उपर्युक्त पुल के पश्चिम में स्थित है, पुनर्निर्माण करने की कोई योजना है ?

नीबहन तथा परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बृटा सिंह) : (क) फुलहा के निकट राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सख्या 30 पर पुन पुन नदी के ऊपर एक नये हाई-लेवल पुल के निर्माण का काम पहले ही सौंप दिया गया है। निर्माण सामग्री इकट्ठी की जा रही है और निर्माणकर्ता फर्म ने अभी हाल में नीब कुमों के जो डिजाईन प्रस्तुत किए थे, उनकी संवीक्षा की जा रही है।

(ख) सदस्य महोदय ने जिस मौजूदा पुन पुन नदी का जिक्र किया है, उसके पश्चिम में जो पुल है उसे टेहरी पुल कहा जाता

है। यह एक पुराना और तंग पुल है। इस बात का कोई रिकार्ड उपलब्ध नहीं है कि यह पुल कब बना था। छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में एक बाई पास के निर्माण की व्यवस्था है जो घनी भावादी के गांवों, सबलपुर और जेट्टली से थोड़ा हट कर है। पुराने टेहरीपुल के स्थान पर नया पुल बनाया जाएगा जो प्रस्तावित बाईपास पर पड़ेगा।

Prohibition Policy

1645. SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written letters or issued directives or suggestions to some of the states for the reconsideration on Prohibition policy and made it a liberal or flexible or accordingly to the needs and wishes of people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for writing such letters and directives;

(d) whether Central Government have received reports from states or seen press news that some states want to revise the policy in the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken by Centre in the matter; and

(f) what help and assistance will be provided by Centre if such policy is adopted by state or if such demand is made from Centre by States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL) (a) No, Sir.

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

(d) and (e). Government of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Bihar