

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conference has been putting up freight rates from time to time on grounds of increases in their operating costs, increases in costs of ships, etc.

(b) This is so according to the Travancore Coir Mats and Matting Manufacturers' Association.

(c) Yes. This is generally true of all export products.

(d) Yes, but the Conference Lines have expressed inability to agree to any reduction on the plea that the increase in the freight rates on coir products is part of the general increase effected by the Lines on all commodities.

New Railway Lines in Orissa

1487. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the new Railway lines, Noamundi-Banspani and Rourkela (Bandhamunda)-Dumaro in Orissa has been started;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far;

(c) the estimated amount for the construction of each line; and

(d) the target fixed for the completion of the construction?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Noamundi-Banspani: 43 per cent.

Rourkela-Dumaro: 33 per cent.

(c) Noamundi-Banspani: Rs. 131.10 lakhs

Rourkela-Dumaro: Rs. 459.96 lakhs

(d) Noamundi-Banspani: end of January, 1958

Rourkela-Dumaro: September, 1958 tentatively.

मध्य प्रदेश में डाक-घर के भवन

१४८८. श्री रा० च० शर्मा: क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में समस्त तहसीलों के केन्द्र स्थानों में डाक-घर तथा तार घर के लिये सरकारी भवन उपलब्ध हैं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकारी भवन किन-किन स्थानों में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ; और

(ग) इस वर्ष डाक घर व तार घर के लिये किन-किन स्थानों में भवन निर्माण का कार्यक्रम है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर): (क) से (ग)। सरकार की यह नीति नहीं है कि तहसील के मुख्य केन्द्रों में स्थित डाक-घरों के लिये विभागीय भवन निर्माण किये जायें। मध्य प्रदेश के विषय में मागी गयी सूचना उपलब्ध की जा रही है और उपलब्ध होने पर यह सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

S. S. Railway Workers' Representation

1489. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a representation by the S.S. Railway Workers' Union, Delhi-Shahdara, mentioning their grievances regarding the operation of the S.S. Railway and requesting Government to nationalise it; and

(b) whether the matter is being examined for necessary action?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A representation from a person styling himself to be the General Secretary of the "recognised Trade Union of Workers (S. S. Railway Union)" was addressed to the Planning Commission in April 1957, with a copy to the Railway Ministry amongst others, urging the nationalization of the Light Railway.