

delegation headed by a Member of Parliament on 9th May, 1981 for introduction of stoppage of 5UP/6DN Amritsar Mail, 1UP/2DN Kalka Mail, 81UP/82DN Airconditioned Express at Raniganj; and

(b) details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). An assurance was given to consider the proposal for stoppage of the above trains at Raniganj. This has since been considered and not found feasible having regard to the present volume of long distance traffic offering and the existing stoppage of 14 pairs of Mail/Express trains at Raniganj.

Flyover at Serampore

4211. SHRI AJIT BAG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) when the construction of flyover at Serampore Station over the G.T. Road will be started and details thereof; and

(b) progress so far made by the Railways in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The proposal for construction of a road over-bridge in replacement of existing level crossing at Serampore Station is still under the examination of the Railway and the State Government. The State Government furnished revised alignment of the proposed road over-bridge only in November, 1981.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway crossing No. 323 in Muradabad Division

4212. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been received by Government regarding the railway crossing No. 323 in the Northern Railway, Moradabad Division which is closed at night at present, should be kept open at night and be treated as a manned railway crossing;

(b) if so, whether the Railway Ministry proposed to appoint a gateman to operate the gates; and

(c) if so, how long it will take to decide this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Consequent upon construction of a road over-bridge at Shahjahanpur in place of level crossing No. 323, the level crossing was closed down in 1967 in accordance with the extent rules. However, on State Government's request the level crossing is being kept open at their cost, as an isolated and special case for 16 hours i.e. 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. If the State Government/Local Authority specially ask for opening of the level crossing during the night hours also and agrees to bear the cost of the additional gateman also, the matter could be considered.

Eradicating Leprosy

4213. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise up-to-date figures of the victims of leprosy in the country;