

(च) दिसम्बर, 1981 तथा जनवरी, 1982 के दौरान गाड़ियों में हुई डकैतियों/लूटपाट के मामलों के सम्बन्ध में 87 व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये हैं। जिन मामलों में गिरफ्तार व्यक्तियों का सम्बन्ध था, उन की छानबीन सम्बन्धित पुलिस प्राधिकारियों द्वारा की जा रही है।

Extension for running L.C.T. services at Kahaigaon

2066. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether formal sanction for running the LCT services at Kahaigaon by the IWT Directorate, Patna is due to expire on 22nd May, 1982;

(b) whether private operators are lobbying with the State Authorities for not granting further extension; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being made to secure further extension of the LCT services from the State Government at least for 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government of Bihar had agreed to running L.C.T. ferry services on the Ganga between Colgong and Karagola with effect from 22-5-1977 for a period of 5 years. The Government of India has, however, been sanctioning the running of the services from time to time. The present sanction will expire on 31-3-82.

(b) The Ministry of Shipping and Transport has no information on this.

(c) The question of transfer of these commercial services to Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., Calcutta, a public sector undertaking, extension of service beyond 31-3-1982 and obtaining permission of the Government of Bihar beyond 22-5-1982 are under consideration.

Introduction of train between Patna and Howrah

2067. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a direct train service between Patna and Howrah;

(b) whether there is any proposal for converting Triweekly Sone-Bhadra Express into daily service; and

(c) if so, the likely date of introduction/conversion of the above two services?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal to provide any additional service between Patna and Howrah for want of the necessary resources.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

News item captioned "Kendriya Vidyalaya Working in Mess"

2068. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned as "Kendriya Vidyalaya Working in mess" published in the Indian Nation of Patna, dated January 20, 1982;

(b) if so, the details of the said news item; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.