

called ashes of Netaji to be brought from Japan; and

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

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

(b) Government has been taken note of the views expressed by Shri S. C. Bose, elder brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Organisation formed by beggars on All India basis

735. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an organisation has recently been formed by the beggars on an All India basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Although, a report in this regard has appeared in the press, the Government has no official information in this regard.

Additional facilities on 'Palace on Wheels' train

736. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering providing of additional facilities on the luxury "Palace on Wheels" train; and

(b) if so, facilities proposed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Not for the time being.

(b) Does not arise.

टाटानगर एक्सप्रेस को मेजा रोड स्टेशन पर रोकना

737. श्री कृष्ण प्रकाश तिवारी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 1977 से पहले टाटानगर एक्सप्रेस इलाहाबाद और मिर्जापुर के बीच मेजा रोड स्टेशन पर रुकती थी और इसके बाद इसका वहां रुकना बन्द कर दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री ने दिसम्बर, 1981 के तृतीय पखवाड़े में आदेश जारी किये थे कि टाटानगर एक्सप्रेस को मेजा रोड स्टेशन पर छः महीने के लिये परीक्षण के तौर पर रोका जाय ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो टाटानगर एक्सप्रेस के मेजा रोड स्टेशन पर अब तक न रुकने के क्या कारण हैं और इसका वहां कब रुकना शुरू होगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय एवं संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) : जी हां । बहरहाल, पुनर्विचार करने पर अगली समय सारणी से मेजा रोड स्टेशन पर 161/162 टाटानगर एक्सप्रेस के ठहराव की व्यवस्था करने का विनिश्चय किया गया था क्योंकि चालू समय सारणी की अवधि में किसी ठहराव की व्यवस्था से गाड़ियों के समय-पालन पर विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ेगा ।

रीवां और सीधी शहरों को रेल मार्ग द्वारा जोड़ना

738. श्री उमाकांत मिश्र : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के रीवां और सीधी शहरों को रेल सेवा द्वारा जोड़ने की कोई योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्योरा क्या है और इसे कब तक लागू किया जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय एवं संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Flyover on Salem-Attur Line

739. SHRI K. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu approached the Union Government regarding the construction of a fly-over on Salem to Attur Line near Government General Hospital at Salem Town;

(b) whether the Union Government are aware that the above spot is at the centre of Salem Town and there is heavy traffic due to location of Hospital and Bus Stand; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to bear 50 per cent of the cost of the said fly-over as per the existing rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK-ARJUN): (a) It is presumed that the location mentioned is the existing level crossing at KM 190/14-15 between Salem Town and Salem Market Station on the Vridhachalam-Salem Metre Gauge Section of Southern Railway. No proposal for construction of a road over bridge in replacement of this level crossing has so far been sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c). The question whether construction of a road over bridge at

this location is justified on traffic considerations on cost sharing basis will be examined on receipt on a firm proposal from the State Government.

2nd Phase of Banspani—Jakhpura Line

740. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second phase of construction work for the Banspani—Jakhpura rail link of Orissa between Daitori and Keonjhar has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned for the construction of the above rail link;

(c) whether the construction work is expected to be started in the current financial year; and

(d) the target date of completion of the construction of the second phase of the above rail link?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK-ARJUN): (a) and (b). The work (Second Phase) has been approved for construction at a cost of Rs. 18 crores.

(c) No.

(d) Not yet fixed.

Concessional Rail Fares to Students

741. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new scheme to charge concessional rail fares to students;

(b) if so, details of the scheme;

(c) whether Government propose to give 50 per cent concession in fares to bonafide students on bonafide journey any time of the year as is done by Indian Airlines; and