

बिलासपुर रेलवे स्टेशन को नया रूप दिया जाना

1149. श्री कयूर भूषण : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में बिलासपुर रेलवे स्टेशन को नया रूप दिया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग म उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Construction and Development work in Amritsar

1150. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some construction and developmental works were on in Amritsar; if so, the stage at which these stand and when are they likely to be completed; and

(b) in view of the rush of traffic for Pakistan, what amenities are being provided to the passengers and make their rail travel comfortable while going from and returning to India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It is presumed the reference is to the works of construction of booking office and waiting hall etc., on the Goal Bagh side of the Amritsar Railway Station. The upto date progress is 10%. The work is held up due to the earlier contract having

to be terminated. After fixing up a new contractor, work is expected to be completed by end of 1983.

(b) The following additional amenities are being provided:

At Amritsar: Provision of booking office, reservation and waiting hall facilities on city side at Amritsar including extension of foot-over-bridge costing approx. 15.59 lakhs.

At Atari Railway Station: Provision of additional traffic facilities, Ist class waiting hall, Platform shelters, Booking and reservation office/enquiry announcement room on platform No. 2, widening of immigration passenger platform etc.—Costing approximately 9.6 lakhs.

Dying Art of "Katputli" of Rajasthan

1151. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Katputli" is the sole art of Rajasthan and it is dying out;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to keep this age-old art alive vis-a-vis details of help rendered to the artists by Government; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). Apart from "Katputli" Rajasthan has many forms and genres of folk and traditional music, dance and drama. The Sangeet Natak Akademi under its programme of conservation and promotion of folk and traditional arts provided financial assistance to the following institutions in the field

of 'Katputli' during the last three years:

Sl. No.	Name of institution	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur	10,000	12,500	10,000
2	Community Puppet Theatre, Udaipur	2,000	2,000	..
3	Shri Malu Ram, New Delhi	500	..
4	Bhule Bisre Kalakar Coop. Industrial Product Society, New Delhi	10,000	8,000
TOTAL		12,000	25,000	18,000

(c) Does not arise.

Number of bogies for Ganga Damodar and Patliputra Express Trains

1153. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of bogies scheduled to be with 129 Up, 130 Dn Ganga Damodar Express and Patliputra Express starting or passing through Dhanbad in Eastn Railway;

(b) number of bogies actually run on an average in the month of June, 1982;

(c) whether bogies were much less than the optimum, thus creating heavy rush and hardship to the passengers; and

(d) if so, steps taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Due to acute shortage of coaches, 129/130 Asansol-Varanasi

Passenger, 29/30 Ganga-Damodar Express, and 25/26 Patliputra Express scheduled to run with 13, 11 and 11 coaches respectively ran on an average with 10, 10 and 7 coaches respectively during the month of June '82.

From 1-7-82, 25/26 Patliputra Express has been augmented by 3 coaches. With improvement in the availability of coaches, their scheduled load will be restored.

Overaged Rolling Stock

1154. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than sixty percent of Rolling Stock is overaged, which is the cause of frequent accidents; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to replace the overaged rolling stocks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-