

the construction of the West Coast (Apta-Mangalore) line. The estimated cost of construction of the Apta-Roha section is Rs. 14.99 crores.

(c) The Apta-Pen section has been completed as phase I, by March, 1982. The work on the remaining section between Pen and Roha is in progress, and its date of completion would depend on the availability of funds. The extension of the line to Dasgaon is not an approved work, and the question of its completion by December, 1981 does not arise.

Doubling and electrification of Bandel-Katwa-Farakka route

3866. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOU-DHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce double-line and electrify the Bandel-Katwa-Farakka route of Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Neelachal Express

3867. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 175/176 Puri-New Delhi Neelachal Express was a Superfast Express when it was first introduced;

(b) if so, whether it remained in the same status;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the date by which this train will be included in the list of superfast trains;

(d) whether new timings and changes of routes of this train has been given effect to from 1 October, 1982;

(e) whether Neelachal Express reached New Delhi late by about six hours on 2 October, 1982; and

(f) if so, the reason therefor and the action taken by the Government to ensure punctual running of this train?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). At the time of introduction, 175/176 Neelachal Express was not a Superfast train for the purpose of levy of Supplementary Charge. However, it was included in the list of Superfast trains with effect from 1-6-1982 but status quo ante was restored on 5-7-82. Review for designating trains as superfast for the purpose of levy of Supplementary Charge is a continuous process.

(d) Yes.

(e) 175 Neelachal Express arrived New Delhi late by 6 hours and 40 minutes on 2-10-82.

(f) This was due to engine failures, both diesel and electric and also due to Alarm-chain pulling. All feasible efforts are being made to improve the performance of 175/176 Neelachal Express.

Part-Time Lecturers of Delhi University

3868. SHRI VIRDHY CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different teaching faculties and departments directly administered by the University of Delhi have in their employment staff like part-time lecturers, tutors, investigators, etc.;