

Shortage of Wagons for Carrying Goods from Karimganj to Coochbehar and other Places (Northeast Frontier Railway)

4607. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the shortage of wagons on the Northeast Frontier Railway, particularly to book goods from Karimganj to Coochbehar and from Coochbehar to other places has caused great hardship to the local tradesmen ; and

(b) if so, how the Railways proposed to improve the position ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. There has been no difficulty in loading of traffic from Karimganj and Coochbehar stations on Northeast Frontier Railway. During April to June 1971, Karimganj and Coochbehar loaded 22 and 188 wagons respectively and at the end of June 1971 only 6 indents were outstanding at Coochbehar registered only on 26.6.1971 and nothing at Karimganj.

(b) Does not arise.

Reserved Seats and Berths from Coochbehar for Sealdah

4608. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several representations were made to his Ministry to increase the number of reserved berths and seats for all classes of Railways for New Coochbehar station on the Northeast Frontier Railway ;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has agreed to double the existing reserved seats and berths ;

(c) whether in most cases the berths and seats reserved are only for Farakka and not for Sealdah ; and

(d) whether his Ministry proposes to reserve seats and berths from New Coochbehar to Sealdah and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) A few such representations were received.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Adequate quotas of reserved seats and berths have already been allotted to New Coochbehar station for providing through reservation upto Sealdah/Howrah.

Progress of Kangsabati Irrigation Project, West Bengal

4609, SHRI KRISHINA HALDER : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kangsabati Irrigation Project Midnapore district West Bengal is keeping the construction schedule ;

(b) if not, what is the time-lag , and

(c) whether the delay has increased the plan outlay of the project and if so, to what extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Kangsabati Project was taken up for execution in 1956 and scheduled to be completed by the end of the IV Plan. But due to inadequate funds, the completion of Project may get delayed by another one or 2 years.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is not possible to assess the additional outlay as the increase will be on account of labour, materials and establishment.

Construction Work in Bharat Pumps and Compressors Limited, Naini (Allahabad)

4610. SHRI V. N. P. SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which M/s. Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited is expected to complete the civil works of Bharat Pumps and Compressors Limited, Naini (Allahabad) ;

(b) whether the above firm is doing the entire construction on its own or it has given sub-contracts to private parties also ; and