

(ख) जी हां। दिल्ली और कोटद्वारा के बीच मसूरी एक्सप्रेस में सीधे जाने वाले 3 सवारी डिब्बों में से एक डिब्बा गर्मी के मौसम में भीड़ के समय नहीं लगाया जाता, किन्तु उसे 6 एम डी/1 एम जी एन/1 के एन और 2 के एन/2 जी एन/3 एम डी सवारी गाड़ियों में लगाया जाता है।

(ग) जी हां, जब गर्मी के मौसम की भीड़ कम हो जायेगी तो 1 जुलाई, 1970 से इसे चलाना शुरू कर दिया जायेगा।

Strength of Judges serving in the Supreme Court

2805. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under their consideration any proposal to increase the total number of Judges serving in the Supreme Court in order to facilitate quicker disposal of accumulated cases and on other grounds ; and

(b) if so, the proposed total strength of Judges for the Supreme Court ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) and (b). It has been decided to increase the strength of the Supreme Court to 14 Judges (including the Chief Justice) which is the maximum permissible number under Article 124 (1) of the Constitution.

Completion of Farakka Barrage Project

2806. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI :
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the latest time-schedule for the completion of the Farakka Barrage Project after taking into account the delay and continuing difficulties in the construction of the Feeder Canal for the supply of increased volume of water flow into the Hooghly river ;

(b) whether schemes for training lower Hooghly estuary below Calcutta and improving

the navigability of Hooghly up to the Port of Calcutta from its Sea-mouth is being synchronised with the construction of Farakka Barrage Project : and

(c) whether any organisation is looking after both these works and if they are being looked after separately, what are the arrangements for coordinating them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) The Project is expected to be completed by 1973.

(b) Yes. The Bhagirathi-Hooghly River Training works are being synchronised with the completion of the Farakka Barrage Project and the discharge of head-water from Farakka into the Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System.

(c) The Bhagirathi-Hooghly River Training Works are being executed and looked after by the Calcutta Port Commissioners. The Port Commissioners are maintaining close contact with the Farakka Barrage Project authorities in order to ensure synchronisation of the works with the completion of the Farakka Barrage Project.

Broad Gauge Line from Haldwani to Rampur in Uttar Pradesh

2807. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN :
SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for construction of a broad gauge Railway line from Haldwani to Rampur in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, when the construction work is going to start ;

(c) when was this proposal drawn up ; and

(d) how long will it take for the construction to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.