

(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.

(c) and (d). Reconnaissance Engineering and Traffic Surveys for this 92 kms. long B.G. line carried out in 1956-57 had shown that the estimated cost of the line would be Rs. 2.84 crores and that it would not be financially remunerative. A fresh traffic survey carried out in 1969-70 revealed that the present day cost of the line will be Rs. 7.84 crores and that it would be heavily unremunerative. There is therefore no prospect of the construction of this line being taken up in the near future.

#### Conversion of Jute into Paper pulp

2808. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether in Thailand a process has been developed by Thailand's Applied Science Re-

search Institute for conversion of jute into paper pulp ;

(b) the amount spent every year by India for importing paper pulp ; and

(c) whether any initiative is likely to be taken for conversion of jute into paper pulp in India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) Government have no information.

(b) Paper Pulp as such is not separately classified in the Revised Indian Trade Classification. The following is the statement of import of various kinds of Pulp effected during 1968-69 to 1970-71' (up to December 1970) :—

Quantity in '000' Tonnes

Value in Rs. Lakhs

Sl. No.	Description	1968-69		1969-70		1970-71 (up to Dec. '70)	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Mechanical wood pulp.	.. 2	39	3	58	2	35
2.	Pulp other than wood pulp.	.. neg.	neg.	neg.	1	neg.	2
3.	Chemical wood pulp dissolving grade.	.. 19	312	29	477	18	327
4.	Sulphate wood pulp.	.. 20	320	23	376	16	294
5.	Sulphite wood pulp.	.. 28	372	24	335	16	278
6.	Semi Chemical wood pulp.	.. —	—	—	—	—	—
Total (1 to 6)		.. 69	1043	79	1247	52	936

(c) The possibility of converting jute sticks available in the Eastern Region into paper grade pulp has been explored and it has been found that in the absence of adequate supply of jute sticks at economic price, this is not feasible proposition.

#### Power Cut in Jute Industry

2809. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite an assurance that the Jute Industry will be treated as a priority in-

dustry and will not be subjected to power cut, the power supply position to this industry has not improved since 1970 which is affecting production ; and

(b) if so, steps Government propose to take to provide adequate power supply to this industry ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The jute mills in and around Calcutta area have been subjected to frequent interruptions in the power supply in recent weeks due to