

(c) Does not arise.

Dislocation of Train Services due to Breaches in Railway Lines

6036. SHRI PILOO MODY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several train services were dislocated due to breaches on several Railway lines on the Western sector caused by heavy rains recently ; and

(b) if so, the names of the train services which were dislocated ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is Laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See No. LT-749/71*]

Timber-based Industries in Malabar

6037. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have investigated the possibility of developing modern timber-based industries in timber belt of Malabar, Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the result of investigation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). The information has been sought from the Government of Kerala and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statements of Assets of Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court

6038. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a rule in force that officers of Class I should send periodical statements of their assets to the Government ; and

(b) whether this rule covers the Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Thermal Generating capacity in West Bengal, Bihar and D.V.C. System effected due to High Ash Content and Low Grade Fuel

6039. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire Thermal generating capacity in West Bengal and Bihar including the D.V.C. system is affected in recent years due to the use of high ash content (abrasive nature) and low grade fuel ; and

(b) if so, whether this is one of the reasons for shortage which is affecting industrial production ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) (a) and (b). The major portion of thermal generating capacity in West Bengal and Bihar including Damodar Valley Corporation utilise coal washery by-product fuels with high ash contents and low grade coals and these have been affected in recent years due to increased needs for maintenance and repairs and consequent reduced boiler availability. Although the difficulties of these power stations are, thus, increased, these do not by themselves lead to power shortage.

Manufacture of storage Batteries and dry cells

6040. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India can now manufacture storage batteries by using indigenous process and materials ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal before Government to set up a factory for manufacture of these batteries ; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop importing foreign know-how for manufacturing of storage batteries and dry cells ?