

Refining of Crude from Iraq by Burmah-Shell

390. SHRI K. BALADANDAYUTHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached Burmah-Shell Oil Company to refine crude imported from Iraq; and

(b) if so, the Company's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Resumption of operation of S. S. Light Railway

391. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are contemplating to run the S. S. Light Railway in collaboration with the U.P. Government;

(b) if so, the time by which the said Railway Line will be reopened; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-employ all its retrenched employees on their respective jobs, and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) A proposal to set up a Corporation in equal partnership with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration.

(b) The time required cannot be precisely estimated at this stage.

(c) Does not arise for the present.

Corporation to run S. S. Light Railway

392. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to constitute a Corporation to run S. S. Light Railway;

(b) if so, the names of Members and Chairman of the Corporation; and

(c) the share of Central and State Government in the said Shahdara-Saharanpur Railway Board?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (c). A proposal to set up a Corporation in equal partnership with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of Narrow Gauge S. S. Light Railway into Broad Gauge

393. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to convert the narrow gauge Shahdara-Saharanpur Light Railway into Broad Gauge in order to link it with Delhi|New Delhi to cope with the rush of daily passengers of this area;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the time by which it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) to (c). The question whether this Railway should be revived in its former gauge or in a wider gauge, namely Metre Gauge or Broad Gauge is being examined. Nothing precise can, therefore, be said at this stage about the estimated cost and the time by which the rail facilities will be provided in the area.

Electric Trains between Saharanpur and Delhi via Meerut

394. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the heavy rush of daily passengers from Meerut District to Delhi, Government propose to run electric trains between Saharanpur and Delhi via Meerut on the pattern of Deccan Queen; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a). There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Increasing the Number of Third Class Compartment in Howrah Express

395. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of passengers for Delhi at night at Allahabad and there are only two III Class compartments attached to Howrah Express; and

(b) If so, whether Government propose to increase the number of III Class compartments in Howrah Express to cope with the rush of Allahabad Passengers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b). At present, in addition to one fully air-conditioned coach attached on 5 days in a week, there are two other through service coaches viz. one third class and one first class, attached daily from Allahabad to 11 Up Howrah-Delhi Express. These through coaches cater adequately to the requirements of through traffic between these points. Any further increase in the number of through coaches between Allahabad and Delhi by 11 Up Howrah-Delhi express is also operationally not feasible for want of room to attach an extra coach as a regular measure on this train.

विदेशी तेल कंपनियों द्वारा विदेशों को भेजा गया लाभांश

396. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पाण्डेय : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि विदेशी तेल कंपनियों द्वारा गत तीन वर्षों में अपने लाभांशों का कितने प्रतिशत भाग विदेशों में भेजा गया ?

बिबि और ग्याय तथा पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एच० झार० गोखले): सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रखी जाएगी।