

regarding Modasa-Kapadganj Railway connection; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) It is proposed to carry out a traffic survey for a metre gauge line from Shamlaji Road station on the Udaipur-Himmatnagar line to Modasa and Kapadganj and alternatively for the conversion of the Nadiad Kapadganj N.G. section to B.G. and its extension upto Modasa. Necessary estimates have been called for from the Western Railway Administration. Further consideration to this proposal will be given after the proposed survey is completed and the report thereon is examined from all aspects.

Hunger Strike by All India Loco Running Staff Association, Delhi Division (Northern Railways)

6730. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of the All India Loco Running Staff Association Delhi Division, were on hunger strike on March 13, 1973 outside the Northern Railway Divisional Office, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what were their main demands and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their main demands are:—

(i) Recognition of their Association;

(ii) Provision of 16 hours home station rest after completion of 8 hours duty.

As regards item (i), it is Government's policy not to recognise sectional unions whose membership is not open to all categories of staff.

In regard to item (ii), this is already in vogue as far as passenger services are concerned; in regard to goods services, this is in the process of implementation.

Delay in Implementation of Recommendations of Sivasankar Committee on grievances of D.E.S.U. Engineers

6731 SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the reasons for delay in implementing the recommendations of the Sivasankar Committee appointed by Government in 1970 to look into the grievances of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking Engineers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): The Sivasankar Committee, which was set up in January, 1971, submitted its final report on the 31st January, 1973. It has been remitted to the Delhi Electric Supply Committee for consideration.

2. The G.M., Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, has reported that the D.E.S.U. passed a resolution on the 15th February, 1973, recommending to the Delhi Municipal Corporation the revision of pay scales of Assistant Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers. The D.E.S.U. considered the recommendations regarding pay scales of Executive Engineers and above and of staff on the generation side on the 7th April, 1973 and recommended to the D.M.C. and revision of their pay scales also. The D.M.C. is expected to consider the matter shortly.

3. The remaining recommendations of the Sivasankar Committee are under examination in D.E.S.U.