

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): One well had been drilled by the ONGC in that area. The tests conducted till now in that well have not led to any show of oil or gas. However, in 1957, traces of Gas had been reported in shallow wells drilled by certain other agencies in that district.

पहलेजा घाट और महेन्द्र घाट पर कैंटरिंग प्रबन्ध ठेकेदारों को सौंपने का प्रस्ताव

4830. श्री डी० एन० तिवारी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे विभाग पहलेजा घाट और महेन्द्र घाट के बीच चलने वाले जहाजों के ऊपर डेक का कैंटरिंग प्रबन्ध स्वयं कर रहा है और उससे काफी लाभ अर्जित कर रहा है;

(ख) क्या रेलवे अधिकारियों का विचार इस कार्य को फिर से ठेकेदारों को सौंपने का है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद फ़ाज़ी कुरेशी) : (क) से (ग). पहलेजा घाट और महेन्द्र घाट के बीच चलने वाले स्टीमरों के ऊपरी डेक पर खान-पान का प्रबन्ध 5-8-1972 से अस्थायी रूप से विभागीय व्यवस्था द्वारा किया जा रहा है। अब तक के आय व्यय के अन्तिम आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि केवल मामूली सा मुनाफा हुआ है। कुछ और समय तक इस सेवा के संचालन के वित्तीय परिणामों को देखने के बाद ही इस सम्बन्ध में अन्तिम विनिश्चय किया जायेगा कि इस सेवा को विभागीय प्रबन्ध में सलाया जाये या अन्य रूप में।

Broad Gauge Line From Maldah to Balurghat Via Gazol (West Bengal)

4831. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has since been made in the proposed construction of broad-gauge line from old Maldah to Balurghat via Gazol (West Bengal); and

(b) by what time the proposed construction is expected to be completed ?

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

(a) and (b). A Traffic Survey for a BG line from Old Maldah to Balurghat via Gazol is in progress. The survey is expected to be completed before the onset of the monsoon. Further consideration to this proposal will be given after the survey is completed.

Loss of Tea Traffic due to use of worn out Wagons

4832. SHRI R. N. BARMAN :
SHRIB.K.DASCHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are losing tea traffic increasingly to the roadways due to faulty and uncovered wagons being used for carrying tea from estates in Assam and North Bengal to Calcutta during the monsoon; and

(b) whether in spite of complaints from the overseas markets about water tainting of North East Indian tea, Railway Authorities have not taken any action to replace worn-out wagons due to the new policy of developing tea traffic for metre gauge line to Kandla ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) This Ministry have no knowledge of any complaints from the overseas markets about water tainting of North East Indian Tea. Fit and water tight covered wagons are supplied for loading tea.

Acquiring of Land for Proposed Broad Gauge Line From Maldah to Bahurghat

4833. SHRI R. N. BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land required for the proposed construction of new broad-gauge line from old Maldah to Bahurghat *via* Gazol has since been acquired; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(a) and (b). A traffic Survey for a B G line from old Maldah to Bahurghat *via* Gazol is in progress. The survey is expected to be completed before the onset of the monsoon. Further consideration to this proposal will be given after the survey is completed.

Increase in the strength of Sanitary Staff at New Delhi Station

4834. SHRI MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of passenger trains and volume of passenger traffic during the last three years, yearwise at New Delhi Station,

(b) the increase in the strength of the sanitary staff during the period for the maintenance of sanitation at the station, and

(c) if there has been no increase, the steps proposed to be taken by the administration in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). No increase in the strength of sanitary staff has been considered necessary.

Statement

The total number of trains handled at New Delhi station both ways during the years 1971, 1972 and 1973 as indicated below:

Year	No. of trains
1971 (as on 1-4-1971)	73
1972 (as on 1-5-1972)	77
1973 (as on 20-3-1973)	79

The volume of passenger traffic during the last 3 years, year-wise at New Delhi station:

	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73 up to Feb.
Outward passenger traffic.	5065580	5361767	5134231
Inward passenger traffic.	2230645	2278193	2114971

हसनपुर से सकरी तक नई लाइन

4835. श्री महादीपक सिंह शाक्य : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हसनपुर से सकरी तक एक नई मीटर-गेज लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण के प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति 11 अगस्त, 1972 को दे दी गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक आगे की गई कार्यवाही का व्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) और (ख). हसनपुर से सकरी तक एक नयी मीटर लाइन के लिए यातायात सर्वेक्षण की स्वीकृति 10-8-1972 को दी गई थी। सर्वेक्षण का काम जारी है।