

gers offering from Dehri-on-Sone-Barwadin line, since independence:—

- (i) From 27th May, 1968, 1 DB/2 DB Barwadih-Dehri-on-Sone Passengers were extended to Mughalsarai.
- (ii) From 1st April, 1960, one pair of additional trains was introduced between Gonioh and Barwadih, the run of which was extended to Garhwa Road from 1st April, 1970.

Railway Development Programme for Chotanagpur area

1315. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are neglecting Chotanagpur area in so far Railway Development in that area is concerned and no Mail/Express train service has been given to any District in Chotanagpur area in Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a). No. There are at present 7 pairs of Mail/Express train running over Chotanagpur area.

(b). Does not arise.

Bangladesh problem regarding construction of Farakka Barrage over the Ganga

1316. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government: has been drawn to the statement made in Bangladesh Parliament by the Minister of Flood Control and Water Resources of the Bangladesh Government on the 4th July, 1973 that the construction of the Farakka Barrage by the Government of India over the Ganga "has created a real problem for Bangladesh" and that he proposed to have a

Ministerial level discussion of the problem between the two countries; and

(b) whether the Government of Bangladesh have formally and officially made their views known about the 'problem' created for their country by the Farakka Barrage Project, and if so, a gist thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Discussions were held in Delhi on the 16th and 17th July, 1973 between the delegation from Bangladesh led by the Minister for Flood Control, Water Resources and Power and the delegation of India led by the Union Minister of External Affairs. These discussions dealt mainly with the commissioning of the Farakka Feeder Canal and its impact in Bangladesh. A point of view was expressed in the discussions that the Farakka Project might increase the flood intensity of Padma in Bangladesh by reducing the natural spill discharges into the Bhagirathi. This point was discussed and the Bangladesh delegation was assured that the feeder canal and the Jangipur Barrage will be so operated that the Bhagirathi will continue to receive during the monsoon period as much water as before, or more if possible. It was accepted by the Government of India that the Farakka Barrage project will not increase the flood intensity of Padma in Bangladesh. It was also agreed that the two sides will meet again and continue the discussions with a view to arriving at a solution of the problem before operating the Farakka Barrage Project.

Complaints about violation of Companies Act against the Ferro-Alloys Corporation Ltd.

1317. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received serious complaints about the violation of the provisions of Companies Act and Rules and of various other malpractices

against the Ferro-Alloys Corporation Ltd. as Public Limited Company with Registered Head Office at Tumsar, Maharashtra and works at Garividi, Andhra Pradesh in which, apart from shareholders' money, large sums of funds from nationalised banks, General Insurance Companies and the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation of the Andhra State Government are invested; and

(b) if so, whether any investigation under Section 237B has been instituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA): (a). Yes, Sir. Certain complaints have been received.

(b). No, Sir.

Protection of Jangipur Barrage on Bhagirathi under Farakka Barrage Project

1318. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps, if any, have been taken this year for protection of the Jangipur Barrage on the Bhagirathi under the Farakka Barrage Project from ravages of erosion of Ganga up and down the Biswanathpur off-take; and

(b) the latest position about erosion of Ganga down stream Farakka upto Biswanathpur?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA):

(a) Immediate protection measures against erosion near Biswanathpur off-take have been taken by the State Government of West Bengal. It has been reported that out of the four submersible spurs proposed in the reach, two have been completed and efforts to resume work on the other two held up for want of stones are being made by transporting stones by barges. The cost of these works for the safety of Jaipur barrage will be borne by the Farakka Barrage Project.

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(b). The construction of new spurs and strengthening of the existing spurs at the most vulnerable points downstream of Farakka have satisfactorily controlled the erosion. Important places like Dhulian, Aurangabad, Nimitita and Hazarpur Brammangram have been protected. The National Highway which had been threatened by the erosion has also been saved. Erosion is, however, continuing in the Mitinipur Kutubpur reach.

शाहदरा सहारनपुर लाईट रेलवे को पुनः चालू करना

1319. श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बातों की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) शाहदरा-सहारनपुर रेलवे लाइन को पुनः चालू करने के लिए अब तक किये गये उपायों की मोटी रूपरेखा क्या है; और

(ख) उक्त रेलवे को यातायात के लिए अब तक चालू किया जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) इस क्षेत्र में एक बड़ी लाइन बनाने का विनिर्णय किया गया है। इस लाइन के लिए वैकल्पिक संरक्षण और जंक्शन की व्यवस्था विचाराधीन है।

(ख) नयी लाइन के निर्माण में हमेशा कुछ समय लगता है। इसके बाद उसे यातायात के लिए खोला जायेगा।

Gap in the Production and Demand of Fertilizers by 1978-79

1320. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be a big gap in the production and demand of fertilizers by 1978-79; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to meet the shortage of fertilizers?