

written representation and the submissions made at the hearing, came to the conclusion that no special audit was called for.

Number of Sick Wagons and Repair thereof

2700. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of wagons has become sick and they are lying in different Railway Workshops and stations causing shortage of running wagons in the Railways; and

(b) if so, steps taken to repair the sick ones and to manufacture the new ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, the total number of ineffective wagons is close to the bare permissible minimum.

(b) Necessary machinery already exists to repair sick wagons which are a normal feature of railway working. New wagons are also being manufactured subject to the availability of funds, production capacity and traffic needs.

Supply of Power to West Bengal

2701. DR. RANEN SEN :

SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether supply of power in West Bengal is inadequate for industries and other sectors ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the demand for power?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRA-SAD) : (a) to (c). In West Bengal, power restrictions are in force in respect of power supply to the industries and other sectors since the power availability is short of demand. The augmentation of power generating capacity in the State has not

kept pace with the demand and plant availability was also low, resulting in the shortages. With the stabilising of the new generating unit of 120 MW at Santaldih, and augmentation of generating capacity in West Bengal System during the course of the Fifth Plan and improvement in plant operations the power position will improve considerably. During the Fifth Plan period, additional generating capacity to the extent of 768 MW is proposed to be commissioned in the State. A close watch is being kept on the progress of projects under construction so as to enable their being commissioned on schedule.

Committee to go into the working of O & N.G.C.

2702. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH, MALIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Committee or a Commission to go into the working of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission ;

(b) if so, the composition thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it will submit its report to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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2703. श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या देहरादून एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी में नई दिल्ली स्टेशन पर, कुछ डिब्बे काट दिये जाते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इन डिब्बों को पुरानी दिल्ली तक ले जाने में सरकार को क्या कठिनाई है ?