

the revenues to Government have progressively fallen short of expenditure and in that context, Government revenues have suffered a loss. With the increase in the number of irrigation projects, the extent of this loss has been going up and was Rs. 565.9 crores in 1967-68. State-wise details are given in the statement, laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6397/74].

बिलासपुर तथा कटनी-बीना के बीच चल रही एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी को पैसेंजर गाड़ी में बदलना

2773. श्री लम्बोदर बलियार : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) बिलासपुर और कटनी-बीना के बीच चल रही एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी को पैसेंजर गाड़ी में बदलने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को पता है कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप लोगों को बड़ी परेशानी हो रही है?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) और (ख) कटनी-बीना खंड पर यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए दिन में चलने वाली सवारी गाड़ी की व्यवस्था करने के उद्देश्य से 35 डाउन/36 अप भोपाल-बिलासपुर एक्सप्रेस एवं सवारी गाड़ियों को 1-11-1973 में कटनी-बीना खंड पर सवारी गाड़ियों के रूप में बदल दिया गया है ।

#### Shifting of D.V.C. Head Quarter from Calcutta to Bihar

2774. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to shift the D.V.C. headquarter from Calcutta to Maithon in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) and (b). The headquarter of the Operation and Maintenance Wing of the

Damodar Valley Corporation was shifted to Maithon on 1-1-1963. A proposal to shift the administrative wing also to Maithon is under examination.

#### Construction of Railway Line from Dharamnagar to Agartala

2775. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of the survey for the construction of Railway Lines from Dharamnagar to Agartala in Tripura;

(b) whether Government have arrived at a decision to undertake this work soon; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys for the Dharamnagar-Agartala M. G. line have been completed and the reports are under examination. It has, however, been decided to take up the construction of a new M. G. line from Dharamnagar to Kumarghat for which the North Eastern Council has been requested to bear the cost out of the funds allotted to it for development of backward areas. Construction of the remaining portion of the line from Kumarghat to Agartala may be taken up sometime during the 5th Five Year Plan period subject to availability of additional resources.

#### Lowering of Voting Age

2776. DR. H. P. SHARMA :

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation of the Delhi University Students Union called on the