

Railway line Between Dharmanagar and Kumarghat

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

(a) whether the scheme for the construction of Railway line from Dharmanagar to Kumarghat in Tripura has been finalised;

(b) if so, the expenditure that is likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) when the actual work is to start?

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

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

Trains with Driver's Vigilance Device

837 SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trains on the trunk routes have been fitted with the "Driver's vigilance device"; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to fit this device on the remaining trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The Driver's Vigilance Control Device is fitted to Diesel Locomotives which work the trains. 367 Broad Gauge and 248 Metre Gauge Main Line Diesel Locomotives out of a fleet of 930 Broad Gauge and 366 Metre Gauge Diesel Locomotives respectively were fitted with this device. No electric locomotives are fitted with the Driver's Vigilance Control Devices at present.

(b) All new Diesel locomotives are being fitted with the Device. Manu-

facture of 100 numbers to be taken up on the Podanur Workshop of Southern Railway for which an initial order for 20 such devices has been placed and this will be increased by 80 as soon as the first 20 successfully complete the trials. Further orders on this Workshop will be placed on completion of the first lot of 100. The question of import of some quantity of the device for use on diesel and electric locomotives is also under consideration.

O & N. G. C. Search for Oil in desert region of Rajasthan

838. SHRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission will renew its search for oil in the desert region of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether it has started deep drilling operations in the Summer Wah Vikhram Nai area in Jaisalmer district; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Search for Hidden Oil Resources

839. SHRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the steps taken to intensify search for hidden oil resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM