

**अहमदपुर, खेगांव, मोरदड़ और सिरा
(मध्य प्रदेश) के रेलवे क्रासिंग फाटक**

2805. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या रेल मंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य रेलवे स्थित मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व निमाड़ जिले के अहमदपुर, खेगांव, मोरदड़ और सिरा के रेलवे क्रासिंग फाटक आवागमन हेतु खोले नहीं जाते जिससे ग्राम निवासियों तथा अन्य नागरिकों को बड़ी असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) :

(क) मध्य रेलवे पर इन क्षेत्रों में स्थित सम्बन्धित समपार यातायात के लिए खोल दिये गये हैं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Shortage of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene in Gujarat

2806. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of petrol, diesel and kerosene during the last quarter in Gujarat;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken by the Central Government to supply the quota fixed for the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) to (c). There have been no reports of any shortage of petrol or diesel anywhere in the country including Gujarat during the last quarter. No State-wise allotments of these products are also being made. Supply of diesel oil is at present free and supplies have been increased by oil companies in the different States to the extent required.

Quotas of kerosene to the States were, however, reduced to achieve economy in consumption. In some months the cuts were to the extent of 30 per cent. It is likely that this may have given rise to shortage of kerosene in certain areas. However, during the last quarter despatches of kerosene to Gujarat State have been more than the allocations. From the month of November, 1974 kerosene allocations have been increased by reducing the overall cuts to about 10 per cent. For Gujarat kerosene allocation in November was increased to 23,024 MTs against 19,550 MTs in October. In December, the allocation for Gujarat has been increased further to 25,316 tonnes.

Repairs and Expansion of Railway Station in Punjab

2807. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Railway stations in Punjab need repairs and expansion;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have granted funds therefor during the current year; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) For the existing level of traffic, major expansion of Railway station buildings in Punjab State is not considered necessary. However, certain proposals for providing improved passenger amenities as indicated in reply to part (c) are in progress.

Periodic maintenance and repairs which are necessary are carried out regularly as a normal practice on the entire Railway system.

(b) Funds for maintenance and repairs are provided every year and this year also funds for this purpose have been provided.

Funds have also been provided for passenger amenity works for the entire Railway system.

(c) The following passenger amenity works are in progress at various stations in Punjab:—

1. *Bhatinda*

Extension of shelter on platform.

2. *Ludhiana*

Provision of IRS Covering on platform.

3. *Jullundur City*

Provision of passenger platform shelter on platform.

4. *Beas*

Extension of platform shelter on down platform.

5. *Patiala*

(i) Provision of shed on island platform.

(ii) Provision of foot over bridge.

Proposal to Improve Facilities at Kazhakootam Station (Kerala)

2808. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the facilities for the passengers at the Kazhakootam Railway station in Kerala along with the conversion work of the Ernakulam—Trivandrum Railway line into broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, the broad outline of the works proposed to be undertaken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The works proposed to be undertaken are:

(i) Provision of a new booking office.

(ii) Provision of two new rooms for Signal Branch.

(iii) A room for booking of smalls.

(iv) Extension of the existing rail level platform by 61 metres and raising it.

(v) Provision of a new rail level island platform.

Loss Suffered in Bihar during November, 1974

2809. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss suffered by the Railways as a result of the Bihar agitation in November, 1974; and

(b) the precautionary measures taken by Government to safeguard the Railway property on such occasions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Rs. 24,209.

(b) Constant liaison is maintained with the State Governments and with their help, Civil Police, Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force are posted to safeguard the railway property on such occasions.

Threatened Closure of Industrial Units in Goa for Non-availability of Furnace and Diesel Oil

2810. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Medium and small scale industrial units in Goa are being forced to close down due to the non-availability of furnace oil, diesel oil and other oil products; and

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard?