

Repairs and expansion of Railway Stations in Rajasthan

2899. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) For the existing level of traffic, major expansion of the Railway Stations in the State of Rajasthan is not considered necessary. However, works for providing improved passenger amenities, such as platform shelters, bath rooms, latrines, retiring rooms etc. at some stations in Rajasthan 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 repairs and maintenance are provided every year and this year also funds for this purpose have been provided. Funds have also been provided for the passenger amenity works proposed to be carried out.

Barabanki-Samastipur and Samastipur Darbhanga lines into broad Gauge lines

2900. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the latest position with regard to the conversion of the Barabanki-Samastipur and Samastipur-Darbhanga lines into broad gauge lines and construction of Jhanjharpur-Loukaha Sakari-Hasanpur M. G. lines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): The Samastipur-Muzaffarpur portion of Barabanki-Samastipur M.G. to B.G. conversion

scheme is expected to be completed and opened to traffic in January, 1975, and the balance portion is expected to be completed by 1977.

The detailed estimate for the Samastipur-Darbhanga M.G. to B.G. conversion is under preparation taking into account the recent flood levels and work will be commenced after sanction is accorded to it. Work on earth-work and bridges on the Jhanjharpur-Loukaha M.G. line is in progress and the work is scheduled to be completed by June, 1975. The estimate for the Hasanpur-Sakari M.G. line is likely to be sanctioned shortly.

Opening of halts at Muraiha and Korahaiya

2901 SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1673 on the 6th August, 1974 regarding demand for opening halts at Muraiha and Korahaiya and state.

(a) whether any date has been decided for the opening of Halts at Muraiha and Korahaiya, if so, what; and

(b) what will be the names of these halts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A halt near Korahaiya between Jayanagar and Khajauli stations was opened on 1-9-1974 with temporary name "km 41/80." No date for opening has yet been fixed for the halt near Muraiha between Kamtaul and Jogiara stations.

(b) The names of these halts are under finalisation.

Threatened closure of Industries for non-availability of Furnace and Diesel Oil in Orissa

2902. SHRI P. GANGADEB: 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 Orissa are being forced to close down due to the non availability of furnace oil, diesel oil and other oil products;

(b) if so, measures taken in this regard, and

(c) whether Government propose to change the present allotment system?

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

(a) and (b) No such reports have been received by the Government. Sale of diesel oil from the companies' outlets is at present free. Furnace oil supplies are, however, being made by the companies on the basis of 1973-off-take of individual consumers. A 10 per cent efficiency cut is being applied in making furnace oil supplies to all consumers. A further 10 per cent cut is also being made in supplies to industrial consumers other than 33 specified core sector industries. A quota has also been allotted to the States for supplies to small scale units and State Enterprises which are not registered with any Central sponsoring authorities.

(c) No change in the present allotment system is being contemplated at present.

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2903 SHRI P GANGADEB Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

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

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

(c) if so 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 Orissa State is not considered necessary. However certain proposals for providing improved passenger amenities is indicated in the 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 Orissa —

1 Bhadrak

Provision of passenger Cover on the platform

2 Bamra

Extension of platforms

3 Berhampur

(i) Extension of platform

(ii) Provision of passenger Cover on the platform

4 Bhubaneswar

Provision of Passenger Cover on the platform

5 Cuttack

Provision of Passenger Cover on the platform

6 Jharsuguda

Improvement to drinking water supply

7 Khurda Road

(i) Provision of Passenger Cover on the platform

(ii) Provision of Foot Over bridge

8 Puri

Provision of Passenger Cover on the platform.