

**Firms Supplying Printing Machinery and Materials to Railways**

1076. SHRI TUNA ORAON:  
SHRI LUTFAL HAQUE:  
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH MAHATA:  
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the firms which supplied printing machinery and materials to Railways during the last three years;

(b) whether a firm of Calcutta was black listed for five years during the month of July, 1973 by the Railway Board; if so, the salient features of the complaint against this firm;

(c) whether at present Railways are purchasing printing machinery and materials without any competition amongst the firms; and

(d) the salient features in regard to purchasing of printing materials and machines by the Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A list of the firms which supplied Printing Machinery and Materials to Railways during the last 3 years is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-8498/74]

(b) No. However, business dealings with one Calcutta firm were banned for five years in July 1973 on account of their resorting to unfair trade practices.

(c) No. Railways are purchasing Printing Machinery and Materials on the basis of competitive tendering.

(d) The Railway follow the usual procedure of inviting tenders (Proprietary, Single, Limited or Advertised) depending upon the value of purchase and the nature of the item while purchasing the Printing Machinery and Materials. Items valuing above Rs. 50,000 are normally procured through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals.

**Allocation of Amount for Jakhapura-Bamspani Railway Line in Fifth Plan Period**

1077. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been provided for undertaking the construction of Jakhapura-Bamspani Rail link in the Fifth Plan; and

(b) if so, how much?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs has been provided in the current year (1974-75) which is the first year of the 5th Plan. More funds will be allotted year-wise depending upon their availability, during the subsequent years of the 5th Five Year Plan.

**Running Room Facilities to Running Staff at Cost of Guards**

1078. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the running room facilities are availed of by other running staffs at the cost of Guards who have to pay for that; and

(b) whether the Guards do not get the accommodation?