

(c) The Company Law Board was reconstituted twice in 1966. There was no reconstitution of the Central Boilers Board during 1966 apart from changes in membership due to retirement transfers etc. There were seven changes in the membership (excluding change of the Chairman who is an ex-officio member).

(d) No, Sir.

National Small Industries Corporation

325. Shri Y. G. Gowd: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd not to advance any loans to the khandasari Sugar Factories; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Semastipur—Jaynagar B.G. Line

326. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend the broad gauge Railway line from Semastipur to Jaynagar in Bihar in view of the strategic importance of that border area; and

(b) whether there are also any plans under consideration for linking Madhubani (or Jaynagar) to Nirmali on one side and to Sitamarhi, on the other?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) There is no proposal to extend the broad gauge line from Semastipur to Jaynagar.

(b) No. These places are already connected by railway lines via Darbhanga.

Madhubani, Sakri and Chikna Stations

327. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps being taken by for the improvement of unsatisfactory toilet and bath arrangements in the waiting rooms at Madhubani and Sakri Stations and for the overall improvement of the Chikna Station?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): The toilet and bath arrangements in the waiting rooms at Madhubani and Sakri Stations are considered satisfactory as these have already been provided with sanitized lavatories, bath rooms and urinals and no improvements are considered necessary.

Chikna is only a contractor operated Halt Station. The basic amenities required to be provided at such halts namely a rail level platform, a small waiting shed and lights on the platform already exist. In addition 5 benches and one hand-pump have also been provided. For the present there is no proposal for further improvement at this halt station.

Janata Express train on Bombay-Howrah Trunk Line

328. Shri K. G. Deshmukh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce a Janata Express train on the Bombay-Howrah trunk line via Nagpur;

(b) if so, by what time it is expected to be introduced; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to minimise the rush on this route in the present circumstances?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). A proposal to introduce a Janata Express train on Bombay-Howrah via Nagpur route is under consideration but has not been found operationally feasible.