

considering the conversion of a halt into a flag station, the financial implications thereof are required to be worked out on the basis of additional cost of conversion, additional operational expenses and the additional anticipated revenue. Where the conversion of a train halt into a flag station is found not financially justified but such a conversion is considered necessary on passenger amenity grounds, the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee is consulted for their views in the matter.

The Railway Administrations have instructions to consider the desirability of converting a halt into a flag station after it has been in existence for over 10 years and where passenger traffic is substantial.

(c) Where the proposals for opening departmentally worked railway stations are not found justified, the alternative of opening contractor-operated train halts is considered with a view to providing travel facilities to the public in that area. In providing a halt, the financial implications of the proposal, transport facilities available in the area, distance of the proposed halt from the adjacent stations, etc. are taken into consideration.

Railway Lines in Orissa

1273. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations for the construction of Railway lines made by the Government of Orissa for inclusion in the Railway Works Programme in order of priority in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) which of the lines are proposed to be undertaken for construction in Orissa in the Fourth Plan period; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct a rail link from Puri to Konarak?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C.M. C. M. Focmachia): (a) The Orissa Government have recommended the fol-

lowing new Railway lines for construction during the Fourth Plan period.

1. Banspani-Paradeep via Nayagarh.
2. Talcher-Bimlagarh.
3. Talcher-Sambalpur.
4. Barabil-Koira Valley-Kiriburu.
5. Rayagada-Nowrangur-Jeypore-Koraput.
6. Gopalpur-Berhampur.
7. Dentewara-Sukma via Balimcia or Jeypore to Balimela via Gupteswar.

(b) New lines to be taken up during the Fourth Plan period are yet to be finalised.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Railway Board.

H.M.T. Factories

1275. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken on the locations of HMT factories in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) the names of the sites proposed by the two State Governments for this purpose?

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

(b) The State Government will be consulted about the sites at the time the schemes are actually finalised.

Memorandum by National Coal Organisation Employees Association

1276. Shri P. K. Ghosh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Coal Organisation Employees Association,