

(b) if so, the broad points discussed?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Discussions on export problems are proposed to be held with representatives of the industry and trade early next week.

मिर्जापुर रेलवे स्टेशन पर उपरि पुल

2105. श्री राम स्वरूप :

श्री बंज नारायण सिंह :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मिर्जापुर रेलवे स्टेशन पर उपरि पुल बनाने में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है; और

(ख) पुल बनाने का काम कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे. ए. मु. पुनाचा) :

(क) रेलवे द्वारा तैयार किया गया खाका अनुमोदन के लिए राज्य सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार जिस समय इस योजना का अनुमोदन कर देगी उस समय से लेकर खास पुल, जो रेलवे द्वारा बनाया जायेगा, को तैयार करने में लगभग 18 महीने लगेंगे, बशर्ते राज्य सरकार, जिसे सब्क के पंद्रह मार्ग बनाने हैं, अपने हिस्से का काम इसी अवधि में पूरा करने का वादा करे ।

Shifting of Loco Repairing Workshop from Gauhati to Maligaon

2106. Shri Dhirenwar Kalita: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Loco Repairing Workshop of North-East Frontier Railway has been shifted from Gauhati to Maligaon, Pandu;

(b) the distance between the present workshop and the previous one;

(c) the total expenditure incurred in shifting this workshop;

(d) whether it is a fact that the present workshop has been certified unfit to repair Locomotives; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes,

(b) 8 Kilometres.

(c) Rs. 4,42,200/- upto the end of March, 1967.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Konkan Railway

2107. Shri George Fernandes:

Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Shri J. H. Patel:

Shri S. M. Joshi:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the planning and construction of the Konkan Railway connecting Bombay with Goa and Mangalore; and

(b) in how many years the Konkan Railway is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). A line taking off from Diva and terminating at Apta has been built and opened to traffic. Further extension of the line beyond Apta to Goa/Mangalore is not contemplated at present.

Taking over of Bankura Damodar River Valley Company

2108. Shri George Fernandes:

Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Shri J. H. Patel:

Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to takeover the Bankura Damodar River Valley Company and the Ahmedpur Katwa Railway Company;

(b) if so, the steps taken to absorb the employees of these Railways;

(c) the compensation proposed to be paid to the owners of these two Railways as a condition to their takeover; and

(d) whether any special terms are being offered to the owners?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No. The Government do not propose to acquire ownership of these Companies but have decided to take over the working of the Ahmedpur-Katwa and Bankura-Damodar River Railways with effect from 1-7-1967.

(b) All permanent staff of Ahmedpur-Katwa and Bankura-Damodar River Railways, if found suitable, are to be taken over and absorbed on the Eastern and South Eastern Railways respectively. Temporary staff in the service of the Railway Companies are also to be offered employment as fresh recruits, if found suitable, to the extent their services are required for working the Railways.

(c) Under the terms of the agreements with the Railway Companies no compensation is payable when the Government take over the working of these lines without acquiring ownership.

(d) No.

Wireless Wing of Railways

2100. Shri George Fernandes:
Shri Virendra Kumar Shah:
Shri J. H. Patel:

Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wire'ess Wing of the Indian Railways is being reorganised;

(b) the reason for this reorganisation and its effect on the smooth working of the Railways; and

(c) the number of employees who will become surplus due to the reorganisation and the nature of arrangements made to absorb them?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) to improve efficiency in the maintenance of Wireless Stations used for Shortwave Communication on the Railways.

(c) The scheme is in the process of implementation and it is not possible at this stage to assess whether there will be any surplus staff.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा रोके गये माल का लौटाया जाना

2110. श्री सत्यंजय प्रसाद : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 26 मई, 1967 के तारकित प्रश्न संख्या 91 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पाकिस्तान द्वारा अब तक लौटाये गये माल का कुल मूल्य कितना है; और

(ख) क्या डेढ़-दो वर्ष तक रोके गये माल, जिसमें से अधिकांश या तो खराब हो गया है अथवा खराब होने वाला है, का जो मूल्य पाकिस्तान से मांगा गया है उसका निर्धारण 1965 के क्रय मूल्य के आधार पर किया गया है अथवा प्रचलित अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार मूल्यों या पाकिस्तान में प्रचलित बाजार मूल्यों के आधार पर किया गया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री विनेश सिंह) :
(क) पाकिस्तान द्वारा लौटाये गये