

**Jhund-Dhrangadhra Rail Link**

**6335. Shri Sriraj Meghrajji Dhrangadhra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to complete the Jhund-Dhrangadhra rail link speedily and have revised the original schedule in this regard; and

(b) if so, by what time this will be completed and put into operation?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) and (b). The target date for completion of the Jhund-Kandla B. G. line is October, 1969. However, the Jhund-Dhrangadhra portion is likely to be opened to goods traffic by the end of December, 1967.

**Cotton Textile Mills at Ahmedabad**

**6336. Shri D. R. Parmar:**  
**Shri Ramanand Shastri:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some cotton textile mills at Ahmedabad are being run during off times and on weekly holidays on cash labour basis;

(b) whether this is done to prevent the labourers being registered on permanent cadre;

(c) if so, the action Government have taken to put them into regular working shifts; and

(d) the action taken to safeguard the rights of the labourers as regards their permanency and to minimise the unemployment in textile mills?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) to (d). A few cotton textile mills at Ahmedabad are reported to be working on weekly holidays with casual labour after giving intimation to the Commissioner of Labour and Chief Inspector of Factories. As the present labour laws do not specifically prevent such working, the question of putting the labour into regular working shifts and safeguarding their rights with respect to permanency does not arise.

**Halting Station at "Shahibag" Crossing (W. Rly.)**

**6337. Shri D. R. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to non-signal or for some other reasons, the trains coming to Ahmedabad from Mehsana side very often halt at "Shahibag" crossing between Sabarmati and Ahmedabad station and hundreds of passengers get down the train;

(b) whether Government propose to provide a halting station at "Shahibag" to give facilities to the passengers and to diminish the passenger load on Ahmedabad station;

(c) whether Government have received any representations for providing such a halting station; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) Sometimes, trains coming from Kalol and Mehsana side get detained between Sabarmati and Ahmedabad due to signal troubles, and some other operational reasons. Such detentions are, however, few.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proposal was examined but could not be accepted for want of adequate justification.

**Level Crossings at Girdharnagar and Asarwa**

**6338. Shri D. R. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the standards specified for the road traffic load for providing a road over-bridge at a particular level crossing;

(b) whether these standards are justified for providing road over-bridges at Girdharnagar and Asarwa level crossings; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poomacha): (a) The Railways generally agree to the construction of road over-bridge in replacement of existing busy level crossings provided the schemes are sponsored by the State Government and provided the State Government/road authorities agree to bear their share of cost according to the existing rules.

(b) and (c). Both Girdharnagar and Asarwa level crossings between Ahmedabad and Sabarmati and Ahmedabad and Asarwa stations of Western Railway are busy level crossings. However, there has so far been no firm proposal from the State Government for replacement of these level crossings by road over-bridges. The Railways would agree to the construction of road over-bridges in replacement of both of these when the State Government make a firm proposal in this regard indicating the year in which it would be able to find funds to meet its share of cost on the construction of approaches etc. as per rules.

**Sheds over Platforms at Kalol**  
(W, Ely.)

6339. Shri D. E. Parmar:  
Shri Ramansand Shastri:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the passenger sheds over platforms at Kalol (N.G.) station on the Western Railway are quite inadequate;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for extending the existing passenger sheds; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poomacha): (a) and (b). Taking into consideration, the number of passengers dealt with at any time at this station and norms laid down, for provision of platform covers, the existing passenger sheds over platforms at Kalol are not considered inadequate.

However this being an important station, covering over the island platform is already being extended by 2000 sq. ft. and a further extension by another 7080 sq. ft. has been planned.

(c) Does not arise.

पूर्व रेलवे के शिवनारायणपुर स्टेशन पर गाड़ियों का रुकना

6340. श्री क० वि० मधुकर :  
श्री राजाचतार शास्त्री :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा क ने कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि पूर्व रेलवे का शिवनारायणपुर स्टेशन गुड के कारोबार का एक महत्वपूर्ण केन्द्र है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो 13 अप त 14 डाउन गाड़िया इस स्टेशन पर न रुकने का क्या प्रीचरिय है , और

(ग) क्या यह सब है कि इस स्टेशन पर 13 अप तथा 14 डाउन गाड़ियों के न रुकने से गुड के व्यापारियों, जनता तथा उस निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के विधायकों को बहुत असुविधा होती है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री के० सु० पुनाचा) :  
(क) जी हा।

(ख) शिवनारायणपुर स्टेशन पर लम्बी दूरी का इतना यातायात नहीं होता कि उसके लिए वहाँ 13 अप/14 डाउन अपर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के ठहराने का प्रीचरिय हो।

(ग) इस समय वहाँ 10 गाड़ियाँ रुकती हैं जो वहाँ जाने वाले यातायात की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त हैं।