

37 Up and 38 Dn. Trains

4225. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of punctuality of the 37-Up and 38-Dn. trains; and

(b) the steps taken to maintain the punctuality of these trains?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Percentage of Right Time arrival of 37 Up Punjab Mail at Ferozepore was 8.2 and that of 38 Dn. Punjab Mail at Delhi was about 10 during the period April to May, 1967.

(b) The punctual running of all passenger carrying trains including Nos. 37-Up/38-Dn. Mails is under watch at all levels of Railway Administration. Railways have been asked to review the timings of these trains to ensure their punctual running

1 DSB Train between Bahadur Garh and New Delhi

4226. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1 DSB train runs as empty rake between Bahadurgarh and New Delhi;

(b) the reasons for not allowing the passengers to travel by this train;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no down train from Rohtak between 17.00 hours to 22.30 hours;

(d) whether there is a demand to convert this empty train into a regular train.

(e) if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Apart from lack of traffic justification, its conversion into a Passen-

ger train will also affect goods movement for want of requisite line capacity.

(c) Yes, there is no train between 17.00 and 22.18 hours.

(d) No.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Supply of Coal by N.C.D.C.

4227. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Coal Development Corporation has started supplying coal to the Obra Thermal Power Station from Singrauli collieries;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the date by which the supply will start at the latest?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board have not so far entered into an arrangement with the National Coal Development Corporation for the purchase of coal for Obra Thermal Power Station from Singrauli.

(c) Once an arrangement between the two parties has been reached, work on the railway-siding, which is essential for supply of coal by rail to Obra Power Station, can be taken up. That is likely to take about two years in its completion. Coal supplies can start soon after.

Copper Deposits in Balaghat and Jabalpur Districts

4228. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether an intensive survey of copper deposits in Balaghat and Jabalpur Districts of Madhya Pradesh has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, the result of survey so far carried out?