

**Railway Halt at Ithithanam**

**1442. Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of establishing a railway halt at Ithithanam between Changanacheri and Chingavanom railway stations in the Quilon-Ernakulam railway will be taken up;

(b) whether there is any proposal to shift the location of the halt from the central place originally decided upon; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) The work has been included in 1963-64 Works Programme. Necessary materials are being collected and the work is expected to be taken up shortly.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Darbhanga-Jainagar Railway Line**

**1443. Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rails on the Darbhanga-Jainagar and the Sakri-Nirmali sections are of utterly low standard and the railway engines used are also of low class; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to replace the rails and engines by higher class capacities to accelerate the speed of the trains running on these two railway sections?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is, however, a proposal to relay the existing rails on Darbhanga-Jaynagar section with heavier rails and work is likely to be taken in hand in 1964-65, subject to availability of rails. More powerful locomotives will be used on Darbhanga-Jaynagar section after relaying is completed and bridges are

strengthened. Work on the bridges is in hand.

**Sakri Junction**

**1444. Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the platform of the Sakri junction (N.E. Railway) is uncovered and the passengers coming and going from the Jainagar and the Nirmali stations sides have to wait in the open and face all the inclemencies of weather; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) The passenger platform at Sakri Junction is not covered but a waiting hall exists for the facility of waiting passengers.

(b) The proposal to provide cover over the platform is under consideration of the Railway administration.

**Station between Gadarwara and Bohani**

**1445. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received pleading for the construction of a station between Gadarwara and Bohani and between Bohani and Kereli on the Central Railway;

(b) whether the said representations have been considered; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Night-Duty Allowance to Station Masters**

**1446. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the criteria for fixation of night-duty allowance being given to Assistant Station Masters and Station Masters