

### I. C. F. Type of Coaches

8152. SHRI A. S. SAIGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the flooring and side panels and underframes of some of the I. C. F. type coaches which were built 7 or 8 years ago have been found to be corroded ;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the number of such affected coaches on Eastern, Southern, Western, South Eastern, South Central and North-east Frontier Railways ;

(c) the total estimated cost of these corroded coaches ; and

(d) if the reply of part (a) above be in the negative, the actual position in regard to the condition of the trough flooring, turn-unders of the I.C.F. type coaches ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Corrosion has been detected in some locations of some of the flooring members and the turn-under portions of the side panelling in a few I.C.F. coaches built 7 or more years ago.

(b) The number of coaches so affected are :

Eastern Railway	...145
Southern Railway	...193
Western Railway	...122
South-Eastern Railway	... 59
South-Central Railway	... 14
Northeast Frontier Railway	... Nil
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Total :	533
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(c) The total estimated manufacturing cost of these 533 I. C. F. coaches is about Rs. 8.2 crores.

(d) Does not arise.

### Train on Gumpur-Naupada N. G. Section

8153. SHRI V. NARASIMA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gumpur-Naupada narrow gauge train stopped on the 31st January, 1968 due to engine trouble between Haddubangi and Sitapuram stations on the South Eastern Railway ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to improve the frequency and speed of this train ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No. 2 N G Dn. Gunupur-Naupada mixed train stopped on 1-2-1968 between Kasinagar and Hadobhangi stations, for nearly 3 hours, owing to engine trouble.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

### Financial Assistance to Traders in Ladakh

8154. SHRI KUSHOK BAKULA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether as a result of the illegal occupation of Skatdu, Sinkiang and Chang Thang by the foreign powers in 1947, some time after that, and in 1962 respectively the traders of Ladakh doing trade in those areas had to suffer heavy losses ;

(b) whether Government have given any assistance to help these traders ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to give any assistance to them and allocate funds in the Fourth Five Year Plan for that purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). On account of illegal occupation of Skatdu and Chang Thang, Ladakhi trade with these places has been dislocated. The extent of losses suffered by Ladakhi traders in this connection is not known as no representations have been received to that effect and as such the question of giving any assistance by Central Government does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

### इंजनों का निर्माण

8155. श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त :

श्री शारदा नन्ध :

श्री भारत सिंह चौहान :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के इंजन बनाने वाले प्रत्येक