

Figures of claims preferred and claims repudiated are not compiled cause-wise. The figures in the statement cover both losses, complete and partial, and damages.

Railway Godown at Jhajha

872. Shri Madhu Limaye: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the inconvenience caused by the location of Railway godown at Jhajha (Eastern Railway) north of the Railway track and not south;

(b) whether Government are aware that the underground passage leading from the godown to the bazaar (to the south of the track) is flooded during the monsoons;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to shift the godown from the north to the south for the convenience of the users; and

(d) when the decision is expected to come into force?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The underground passage referred to by the hon. Member is in fact a Railway culvert, which is meant for drainage. It is also being used as a sub-way for traffic from the goods shed on the north side of the railway line to the local market on the South. During the rainy season the culvert gets flooded and becomes impassable for a few hours.

(c) A proposal for shifting of the goods-shed from the North of the Railway track is under the consideration of the Railway Administration.

(d) As the average traffic on this station is very small i.e. about 3 wagons inward and one wagon outward per day only, this work is of low priority and could not be taken up for want of funds and needs of other priority works.

Neyveli Thermal Power Station

873. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for the setting up of the Seventh 100 M.W. thermal power unit in Neyveli;

(b) whether the progress of construction is according to the schedule;

(c) whether it will be commissioned in March, 1966 as decided earlier; and

(d) whether it is being set up with the Soviet collaboration?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) to (c). About 83 per cent of the civil works pertaining to the Seventh 100 M.W. Unit of the Neyveli thermal power expansion (250-400 M.W.) is over and the erection of different sections of this Unit is in various stages of progress. It was originally programmed to commission the Unit with one boiler in March, 1966 and with the second boiler in August, 1966, on the basis of anticipated delivery of all the materials by the last quarter of 1965. It is now seen that due to late receipt of some important drawings and non-receipt of major portion of the electrical equipment and some mechanical equipment, the Unit is expected to be commissioned only by September, 1966.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Loan from the World Bank for Railway Development Programme

874. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to negotiate a loan with the World Bank for the Railway development programme in 1966; and

(b) the details of the development for which the loan amount would be utilised?