

**Increase in running time of passenger Trains in Jabalpur-Itarsi Section**

1135. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons why in spite of doubling of Jabalpur-Itarsi section of the Central Railway and introduction of high speed engines, the passenger trains running time has increased considerably in comparison to 1955-56 and before ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : The running times of passenger trains on the Jabalpur-Itarsi section had to be increased during the years 1960-65 due to the opening of 5 additional stations and construction activities connected with the doubling of the route.

From 1965 onwards, there has been a progressive reduction in the running times of trains on this section and with the completion of doubling works next year, efforts will be made to reduce these running times still further.

**फास्फेट के रिजर्व**

1136 : श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार : क्या इस्पात, खान तथा धातु मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के कुछ स्थानों पर फास्फेट के रिजर्व मिले हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनको निकालने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

**पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगन्नाथ राव) :** (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) भारतीय भूविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण संस्था द्वारा इन निक्षेपों के विकास के लिए आशा-जनक खण्डों में विस्तृत समन्वेषण कार्य किये जा रहे हैं ।

**Investment by Private Sector in State Enterprises**

1137. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the profit or loss of State Enterprises under his Ministry, after payment of taxes;

(b) in view of the minimum of 11 per cent fixed as return on investment for electricity by the Venkatraman Committee, the reasons why Government do not issue shares to the public on part of the investment in the public sector, as a means of enlisting intelligent self-interest of the investors;

(c) the objection to offering a minimum return equal to that on Government securities to such investors, as the same interest is payable on loans otherwise required; and

(d) the reason why Government have not tried to offer to foreign collaborators a share in the investment equal to their foreign capital, which would ensure that they are more interested in profits from the enterprise than from the sale of spare parts ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Mysore Government's Trade Agent in London**

1138. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered if its existing staff can carry out the work done by the independent Mysore Government's Agent for Sandalwood in London; and

(b) whether the Ministries of Commerce and Finance were consulted about the necessity for the post since commerce and foreign exchange are involved and if not, whether Government propose to examine the same now ?