

13.12 hrs

Orissa and others regarding passenger halt and mini railway station at Shyamacharanpur, Dhenkanal, Orissa.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ASSURENCES

Fourth Report

13.13 hrs

[Translation]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Moundsaur): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to present the Fourth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Taking up of some New Works during 1992-93

[English]

13.12 1/2 hrs

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIED): Mr. Speaker, Sir. The House will kindly recall that while replying to the general disucssion on the Railway Budget for 1992-93 on 17th March, 1992, I had stated that I propose to take up the gauge conversion of Purulia-Kotshila and Madras-Tiruchchirappalli lines and electrification of Bandel-Katwa section. I had also indicated about the inclusion of conversion of Kotkapura-Fazilka section in Punjab in the Action Plan for gauge conversions. Accordingly I propose to take up these works, each of which constitutes a New Service, by withdrawing amounts from the Contingency Fund of India as permitted in such cases, for making an immediate start to these works. The following details are furnished to the House.

RE. PETITION RE. PASSENGER HALT AND MINI RAILWAY STATION AT SHYAMACHARANPUR, DHENKANAL, ORISSA

[English]

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (Dhenkanal): I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Prasanta Mishra, Social Adivist, Shri Binay Mahapatra, Secretary, District Unit of CPI, Shri Nabin Ch. Narain Das, Ex-Member ZRUCC, S.E. Railway and Ex-Chairman, Dhenkanal Municipality, District Dhenkanal,

| Sl. No. | Particulars of work | Anticipated Cost | Outlay for 1992-93 | Amount proposed for withdrawal from Contingency fund of India |
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(In crores of Rupees)

Gauge Conversion

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| 1. | Conversion of Purulia-Kotshila NG line to BG (35 kms) | Cap. | 20.00 | 5.00 | 0.50 |
| 2. | Conversion of Madras-Tiruchchirappalli MG to BG (337 kms.) | Cap. | 200.00 | 20.00 | 0.50 |
| 3. | Conversion of Kotkapura-Fazilka section (90 kms.) | Cap. | 30.00 | 10.00 | 0.20 |

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| | from MG to BG with lifting of MG track from Kotkapura to Bhatinda (45 kms.) | | | |
| Electrification | | | | |
| 4. | Bandel-Katwa (104 kms.) (Including facilities for running EMU services). | Cap. DRF ACSPF | 39.42 4.21 1.87 | 1.00 0.10 |

The money so withdrawn from the Contingency Fund of India will be recouped through Supplementary Demands for Grants which I shall be submitting to the Parliament during the next Session. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1918/92]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): For a project costing Rs. 10 crores only Rs. 20 lakhs has been provided.

SHRICK. JAFFER SHARIEF: You bear with us till we have another exchange with the Planning Commission.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Madhavrao Scindia, the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism was to make a statement. He wanted to make it after 4.30 P.M. I am permitting him.

Now Matters under Rule 377.

13.15 hrs

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (1) **Need for setting up an electronic telephone exchange at Hanumangarh Town, Sri Ganganagar district, Rajasthan**

[Translation]

SHRI BIRBAL (Ganganagar): The telephone exchange at Hanumangarh Town, district Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan was

installed about 25-26 years back. Moreover, your Department has already declared that the life of this telephoen exchange has expired ten years ago. The capacity of this exchange is of 1000 lines and its annual revenue comes to the order of Rs. 30 lakh. About 100 applications have been pending for new connections for a long time. Therefore, there is a dire need for an electronic exchange having capacity of 2000 lines to meet the requirement. Today, to provide proper telephone facilities is the need of the hour in view of the increasing urban population, industrial and business activities. Our city is a big business centre where transaction of lakhs of tonnes of wheat, grains, mustard oil, 'narma', cotton, rice and guar etc. is undertaken at large scale. Our area is an agricultural area being irrigated by three canals - Bhakhara, Rajasthan Canal and Ghaggar and as a result it grows more foodgrains which is much more than its consumption needs. Its 90% production is transported to other States of the country through Railway and roads. Therefore, proper telephone facilities are very essential for the efficient communication system for this foodgrains business.

Despite S.T.D. facility, existing telephoen system is not working well.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to set up an Electronic Exchange at Hanumangarh town, district Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan immediately