

have not agreed to supply coal at the normal rate;

(b) if so, whether Karnataka has to import coal from the neighbouring States to generate power in its existing plants; and

(c) the steps Union Government propose to take for availability of coal to power plants in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). There is no identified coal source in Karnataka and therefore the coal has to be supplied from other sources situated outside, for thermal power generation. The Raichur Thermal Power Station is linked with M/s. Singareni Collieries where the coal production is short and, therefore, the full requirement of all the linked power stations cannot be met from this coalfield. As such, a portion of the coal demand of similarly linked thermal power stations is met from other coalfields and the coal is transported by Railways keeping in view the least cost options to the extent possible.

(c) The coal supply to various thermal power plants in the country is continuously monitored by various concerned agencies and corrective measures are taken accordingly.

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Inter-City Train Service Between Indore and Bhopal

1958. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run inter-city train service between Indore and Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pratapganj-Birpur Rail Line (NER)

1959. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned new railway line from Pratapganj to Birpur in North-Eastern railway;

(b) if so, whether Railway have acquired land therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the further steps proposed to be taken for completion of this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

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

Production of nylon Tyres

1960. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission for the export of nylon tyres in view of increased production; and

(b) if so, the export quota fixed therefor by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no restriction on export of tyres from India.