

9.4.90 are too sketchy for any details study.

(c) The project has already been approved: Mangalore-Udupi in 1989-90 and Udupi-Roha in 1990-91 Railway Budget.

[*Translation*]

#### **Employment to dependents of Kuju Colliery workers**

8634. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers who died in harness in Kuju colliery during the last five years and the number of family members of deceased labourers provided employment;

(b) the number of cases still pending; and

(c) the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Out of eighty two labourers who died in harness in Kuju Colliery during the last five years, dependants of sixty one have been provided employment. As regards the remaining twenty one deceased employees, the dependants of only three have applied for employment and their applications are under scrutiny.

#### **Flag Station At Piloda**

8635. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3 Dn Frontier Mail had derailed on Delhi-Bombay broad gauge line near Piloda in Sawai Madhopur district on 22 June, 1989;

(b) if so, the loss of life and property

suffered therein;

(c) whether the public of this areas who assisted the railway authorities in providing necessary help to the stranded passengers was assured that a Flag station would be constructed at Piloda in public interest with all basic passenger amenities; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no loss of life. Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 1,65 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir. Flag station with basic passenger amenities already exists at Piloda. However, on a separate demand received from the Sarpanch of village Piloda, the proposal for opening of passenger half near Piloda village between Chhoti Odai and Piloda stations was examined but not found operationally feasible.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Supply of Water and Food in Kerala Express**

8636. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply purified water satchets in Kerala Express from Delhi to Trivandrum;

(b) whether the food supplied in this trains is prepared in the base kitchen than in the pantry car of the train; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Ozonised drinking water 250 ml. satchets is supplied with Casserole meals in the pantry cars of Kerala Express from Trivandrum to New Delhi and back w e f. 25.9.1989.

(b) and (c). Casserole meals are served in this trains. These meals are picke up from base kitchens/Refreshment Rooms enroute. It is not proposed to prepare casserole meals on these trains as base kitchens/Refreshment rooms are more suitable from the point of view of proper preparation packing and hygiene

[*Translation* ]

#### Ventilation System in Collieries of B.C.C.L.

8637. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the ventilation system in the collieries under BCCL, Dhanbad (Bihar) is inadequate and thousands of workers have become ill as a result thereof.

(b) whether the British Mining Council had visited the said collieries and given some suggestions regarding ventilation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the ventilation system on the suggestions of the British Mining Council; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The ventilation system in the collieries under BCCL, Dhanbad is in conformity with the provisions of the

Coal Mines Regulations 1957. However, there is room for bringing about improvements. It is not a fact that because of inadequate ventilation, thousands of workers have become ill.

(b) to (e). The British Mining Consultants have visited Moonidih mine of BCCL and given the following short-term and long-term suggestions for further improving the ventilation:

#### *Short-term suggestions:*

- i) Improving performance of existing fan by putting deflectors in fan drift;
- ii) Reducing leakage through air lock;
- iii) Widening of return airway for reducing resistance;
- iv) Installation of booster fan in high resistance district; and
- v) Bye-pass drivage for chocked return due to fall.

#### *Long-term suggestions:*

Changing the present main fan by higher capacity main fan.

B.C.C.L. are taking necessary action to implement the above suggestions.

#### Rest Houses for Coolies on Central Railway

8638. SHRIMATI USHA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand to construct rest-houses for licensed coolies on Bhusawal, Manmad, Khandwa, Bina and Akola railway stations of Central Railway;