

(Translation)

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA : They are not there anywhere in U. P.... ..

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have heard you.

[English]

Let us hear him. Beware of your answers.

{Translation}

I have, therefore, cautioned also.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : The Hon. Minister's answer is misleading.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : There is no question of misleading...

(Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Will you please hear me ?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Beware of your officers, Mr. Minister.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : There is no question of misleading of the Ministers by the Officers. I said in the beginning that health is a State subject and Government of India can provide only funds. It is for the State Government to implement it. In a particular State.....

(Interruptions)

In some States, if it is not done, what can we do ? We can provide funds and we can request the State Governments to do it...

(Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : That is the only thing and they can bring it to the notice of the State Government.

Electrification of Rail Lines

*885. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the State-wise break-up of electrification of rail lines ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has been most neglected area in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

| Statement | | |
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| States | Already electrified as on 31.03. 1985 Route Kilometres | Electrification in progress/ sanctioned Route Kilometres |
| Andhra Pradesh | 608 | 611 |
| Bihar | 877 | 611 |
| Gujarat | 524 | 93 |
| Haryana | 74 | ... |
| Karnataka | ... | 92 |
| Maharashtra | 789 | 889 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 473 | 1,965 |
| Orissa | 376 | ... |
| Rajasthan | 22 | 557 |
| Tamil Nadu | 426 | 104 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 942 | 309 |
| West Bengal | 1,240 | ... |
| Union Territory of Delhi | 89 | ... |
| Total | 6,440 | 5,231 |

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : In Andhra Pradesh, Vijaywada-Balarsha line is pending electrification for the past so many years.

Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say whether this line will be completed by the end of this year. The Hon. Minister has given a list of some of the railway lines which are being electrified this year. I would like to know whether Vijaywada-Balarsha railway line is included in this list ?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Which is the railway line which you are referring to ?

SHRI H.A. DORA : Balasa is my native place. The Minister mentioned about the Vijayawada-Balasa railway line in his Budget speech.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You cannot do like this. Please take your seat. Don't you know the name of the railway line ?

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : It is Vijayawada-Balarsha line, not Vijayawada-Balasa line. My friend is mistaken.

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : The saying of an uninvited guest forcing the host to offer hospitality fits well here.

SHRI BANSI LAL : The work on the Vijayawada-Balarsha line is in progress.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Government be in a position and be able to finish it by the end of this year ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : It will be finished by 1987-88.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : As far as Hyderabad is concerned, it is a growing city. Its population is growing.

PROF. N.G. RANGA : Everybody knows it.

SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Government take up electrification of the railway line connecting the suburbs of the city by electric trains ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : I have not been able to follow. (Interruptions).

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Birla Mills Delhi

2. SHRI LALIT MAKEN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single meter of cloth has been produced in Birla Mills of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that thousands of workers of the said Mills have not received even a single penny during the last three years; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that thousands of workers have been forcibly retired ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) According to Delhi Administration, no cloth is being produced as Weaving and Allied Sections of the Birla Mills remain closed.

(b) We are not aware and are verifying from the Delhi Administration the position regarding non-payment of wages to the workers.

(c) According to the Delhi Administration, 244 workers have been retired during the last three years. Besides, 721 permanent workers are being paid lay off compensation while 255 badli workers are being provided work for 11 days in a month. Report from the Delhi Administration about the remaining workers, if any, affected by the closure of the Weaving and Allied Departments is awaited. Separately, Government is verifying the details from the CPFC and ESIC Organisations and appropriate action will be taken.

[Translation]

SHRI LALIT MAKEN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am happy to note that the Hon. Minister has admitted at least one fact that not a single yard of cloth has been manufactured in the Birla Mill for the last three years. Before I put my question, I want to thank the Hon. Labour Minister and the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing that they have saved 6000 workers of the D.C.M. whom the owner of the mill wanted to finish in one stroke. But, this problem of the Birla Mill is more serious than that of the D.C.M. This is so because the owner of the mill wants to finish the workers through the method of slow torture. The owner of the Birla Mill sometimes severs their hands, sometimes their feet and sometimes their heads.

MR. SPEAKER : Do you think that anybody can survive after he is beheaded ?

SHRI LALIT MAKEN : Now they are as good as dead. I want to tell you why