

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : We want pin-pointed statement.

[Translation]

SHRI T. ANJIAH : I have already told you that some workers retired in the normal course. Their number is 240 and some other workers had sought voluntary retirement... (Interruptions) The number of the workers who had taken voluntary retirement is 1570.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Workers have been thrown out. We want specific assurance from the Minister. 2,000 people are thrown out.

[Translation]

SHRI T. ANJIAH : The report with us indicates that 1570 workers have gone on voluntary retirement. We do not have report to the effect that they were forced to seek voluntary retirement.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : 2,000 people are thrown out.

MR. SPEAKER : He has got the information. He has given the information.

He cannot give you wrong information.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : All this is wrong. Nowhere has this happened.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : It could have been the other way.

[Translation]

SHRI LALIT MAKEN : They were beaten up and were forcibly thrown out... (Interruptions)

SHRI T. ANJIAH : We are also giving thought to the information which we have received from you and we shall enquire

whether they have been thrown out forcibly, forced to seek retirement and whether any compensation was given to them or not... (Interruptions) But, according to the report which we have received, 240 persons have retired in the normal course and over 1,500 persons have taken voluntary retirement.

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : 2,000 workers were made to retire within two years... (Interruptions)

SHRI T. ANJIAH : We are looking into it, we are enquiring into the matter.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Development of Social and Women's Welfare Organisations

*881. **DR. B. L. SHAILESH :** Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has recently issued some instructions to State Governments regarding the development of social and women's welfare organisations ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of State Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE : (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Workshop at Mokameh

*883, **SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that before Mokameh Bridge came into being, ferry system was prevalent at Mokameh where a very big dock with workshop was working under the Railways to undertake the repair work for ferries and it engaged a large number of workers who are still working there ;

(b) whether Government have ordered to stop expansion and further development of the said workshop dock ; and

(c) whether there is any likelihood of retrenchment of labourers in the said workshop in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Fast Train Between Ayodhya and Allahabad

*886. **SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request for introduction of a fast train between Ayodhya and Allahabad.

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the erstwhile fast train 'Saryu Express' on this route was withdrawn ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to inadequate terminal facilities at Ayodhya and Allahabad, it is not operationally feasible to introduce an additional train.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In 1972 one of the three passenger trains between Allahabad and Faizabad was converted into a Express train by withdrawing stoppages. Since this was resented by the users, the same was restored to run as a passenger train.

[English]

Supply of Wagons by S.C. Rly. for Transportation of Perishables from Andhra Pradesh to Howrah

*887. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received that the number of parcel wagons (VPs and VPUs) provided by the South Central Railway authorities for perishable food

articles, like eggs; fish, lemons etc. from Andhra Pradesh to Howrah, has recently been reduced drastically ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many wagons are being diverted for carrying luxury items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to seasonal demand for movement of mango traffic from Andhra Pradesh to Delhi, there was temporary difficulty in movement of fish, eggs, etc. to Howrah.

(c) No, Sir.

Restoration of Train Services Between Thane and Bombay V.T.

*888. **SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Railway was running trains between Thane and Bombay V.T. which have been cancelled ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore ; and

(c) whether a proposal to restore the train services is under consideration of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the commuter trains have been reduced.

(b) Due to shortage of Electric Multiple Unit coaches.

(c) No, Sir.

Irrigation Facilities in Tribal Areas of Orissa

*889. **SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has issued guidelines to the Government of Orissa to increase the irrigation potential in tribal areas of that State as the irrigation facilities there are much less than in other areas ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?