

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(c) whether Government are aware that the erstwhile fast train 'Saryu Express' on this route was withdrawn ; and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