

private sector. Coaches and locomotives manufactured by Railways and wagons manufactured by public/private sector are also exported. However, the exports depend on our ability to compete in world market in prices, design and reliability etc.

(b) and (c). Continuous updating of technology is done by the Railways to improve the quality, reliability and efficiency of locomotives, coaches and wagons. This will help Railways to compete in world market.

SHRI SRIHARI RAO : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether any coaches, locomotives and wagons have been exported to other countries and if so, which are those countries ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, in the last twelve-year period from 1971-72 to 1984-85 approximately 326 coaches have been exported at a value of Rs. 26.08 crores to Taiwan, Zambia, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam Nepal, Nigeria Mozambique and Bangladesh.

An additional export order of 60 coaches to Bangladesh is still in hand.

As far as locomotives are concerned, 30 locomotives have been exported-15 to Tanzania and 15 to Vietnam. Five Re-conditioned Steam Locomotives from Southern Railways have been exported to Tanzania at a total value of Rs. 20.17 crores.

SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Have you received any orders in 1985-86 ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, there is an order in hand for 60 coaches to Bangladesh and this order is under implementation.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Sir, Burn Standard Company, Jessop Company, Braithwait Company are manufacturing the wagons, but in the last Railway Budget, the hon. Minister has reduced the order from twenty thousand to five thousand in West Bengal.

(Interruptions)

We tried to meet the hon. Minister of Railways Bansilalji to extend the order. Will the Minister of Railways consider giving more orders to West Bengal for manufacturing wagons and thus save the workers from starvation ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, we are still hoping that we will get an extra allocation of fund and we are still awaiting the final decision. As and when funds become available, the interests of West Bengal, especially in the matter of wagons where a large number of wagon manufacturers exist, will definitely be kept in mind and be given priority consideration.

(Interruptions)

SHRI ANANDA GOPAL MUKHOPADHYAY : Why are you laughing at the fate of 50000 workers ?

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

Introduction of Trains from Bhopal to Calcutta, Allahabad, Ahmedabad and Bombay

*434. SHRI K.N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals are under consideration to introduce direct trains from Bhopal to Calcutta, Allahabad and Ahmedabad and a superfast train between Bhopal and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the time by which these trains are proposed to be introduced ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, earlier Sabarmati Express used to run between Bhopal and Ahmedabad, but its route has since been changed. Now only one bogie is attached to Sabarmati Express from Bhopal to Ujjain, whereas traffic there is much more. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether he will consider giving some facility in view of the increasing traffic there ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the time being, it is not possible to provide additional facilities.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : The entire train has been withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER : Are you not satisfied with the point blank refusal ?

SHRI K N. PRADHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, they have given us one bogie in exchange for the entire train for Ahmedabad. There is no direct train for Allahabad and Calcutta. Have the people of Sagar and Damoh put any demand before the hon. Minister for running the Mahanagar Express *via* Jabalpur, Bina and Sagar instead of running it *via* Itarsi ? If it is accepted, the people of that area will be benefited. Besides, native place as well as the place of in-laws of Amitabh Bachchan will be linked by a direct train. Will you please consider it ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : No such demand has come to my notice.

[*English*]

SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : There is a route chart in the office of the Minister of State for Railways which shows clearly the undeveloped route between Allahabad, Jabalpur and Ahmedabad. After seeing the chart, will the hon. Minister consider thinking of developing these lines because he is categorically saying :

[*Translation*]

"No such demand has come to my notice."

SHRI BANSI LAL : I shall get the chart and see it.

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, 1 Down and 2 Up train runs on Howrah-Bombay line. First class bogies of this train are in a very bad condition. We have received a reply that no first class coaches are being built to replace the old ones and instead A.C. Sleeper Coaches will be added to it. But in reply to my Unstarred question, it has been stated that there is no such scheme. I want to know what is the factual position ? Have they stopped building first class coaches or all these coaches still being built ? Do they propose to replace them with A.C. 2 Tier ? I want to know the factual position, because the letter which we have received and the reply given to my unstarred question are contradictory.

SHRI BANSI LAL : In place of first class coaches, more 2 Tier coaches will be built.

[*English*]

SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Our hon. Minister always gives negative answers. I expect him to give a positive answer to my question.

Are there proposals under consideration to introduce direct trains from New Delhi to Bangalore every day ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANSI LAL : Daily train between New Delhi and Bangalore cannot be run because we are short of coaches and locomotives.

[*English*]

Bridge over river Tapi at Dhabasi on Bombay-Agra National Highway

*435. **SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;