

**SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN:** Most of the passenger trains were cancelled in the Olavakote Division during the last 3 months due to the shortage of coal which led to students' agitations and agitations of the local people. It was reported that the coal supplied to Olavakote Division was of bad quality. In these circumstances, may I know from the hon. Minister the steps taken by him to avert or to avoid further cancellation of passenger trains of that Division?

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** I have already given the assurance. I will confirm that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Now, I will come back to Question No. 323—Absent.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** Mr. Speaker, I am on a point of order. I am sorry, my question...

**MR. SPEAKER:** I am also sorry, that question has already been put. Question No. 324—absent, Question No. 325—absent, Question No. 326—absent, Question No. 327.—absent, Question No. 328—Mr. Durga Chand.

#### Laying of Railway Lines During Sixth Five Year Plan

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\*328 **SHRI DURGA CHAND:**

**SHRI S. S. SOMANI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised their proposal to lay new railway lines in the various parts of the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan period.

(b) if so, details regarding the projects and the expenditure proposed to be incurred on these project during the Plan period; and

(c) what will be the locations of the proposed new lines?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) to (c). Allocation for construction of new line projects—both—on-going schemes, as well as new projects—is under finalisation in consultation with the Planning Commission. Final selection of new projects to be taken up, is made on year to year basis after proper surveys and in consultation with the Planning Commission.

**श्री दुर्गाचन्द :** रेलवे कन्वैशन कमेटी की 1977 की रिपोर्ट में यह सिफारिश की गई थी कि रेलवे डिपार्टमेंट फाइनेंस डिपार्टमेंट से बाचतीत करेगा कि रेलवे सरपल्स में से कुछ एमाउण्ट एज डेवलपमेंट फंड एपोशन किया जाये। मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या रेलवे डिपार्टमेंट की फाइनेंस डिपार्टमेंट से यह बात तय हो गई है? यदि हाँ, तो कितना एमाउण्ट सरपल्स में से डेवलपमेंट फंड के लिए रखा गया है और उसमें से कितनी नई रेलवे लाइनों के लिए आपने प्लानिंग कमीशन को लिखा है?

**श्री मधु दण्डवते :** मैंने रेलवे बजट के अपने भाषण में बताया है कि रेलवे कन्वैशन कमेटी ने जो अपनी सिफारिशों, एक्सपर्ट कमेटी के आधर पर दी हैं, उसका जिक्र मैंने भाषण में किया है, जब डिमांड्स फार ग्राण्ट्स पर चर्चा होगी, उसके साथ ही यह रैज्यूलेशन भी रखा जायेगा और जब यह प्रस्ताव इस सदन में इस सत्र में मंजूर किया जायेगा, उसके आधर पर जो भी कार्यक्रम होंगे, वह करने में काफ़ी सुविधा होगी।

**श्री दुर्गाचन्द :** मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगा कि प्लानिंग कमीशन के पास जो उन्होंने रिकमेंडेशन्स भेजी हैं, उसमें कितनी नई लाइनें हैं और किस स्टेट में कितनी-कितनी लाइनें आपने रिकमेंड की हैं?

**प्रो० मधु दण्डवते :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मूल सवाल एक आम सवाल है। अगर मैं हर एक क्षेत्र के बारे में यहां एक फ़ेहरिस्त देने लगूं, तो शायद उसके लिए समय नहीं होगा। मैं ने इसके बारे में बजट में बताया है। लेकिन इस वक़्त मैं इतना ही बताना चाहता हूँ कि ग्रानगोइंग प्रोजैक्ट्स में से 5 लाइन्ज 1978-79 में पूरी की गई हैं, चंद महीनों में 4 और भी पूरी हो जायेगी और आने वाले फ़िनांशाल यीअर में 9 लाइन्ज पूरी करने की कोशिश की जायेगी।

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** Men tend to take their wives for granted. In the same way, Dandavate takes the city of Bombay for granted. I am not taking a specific question. I am very concerned that the question of laying railway lines, you put it in the Five Year Plan and it never gets

implemented. Doubling of Chembur-Mankhured line has been put in Plan after Plan, but it never gets implemented. What steps will you take for instance in this particular case to see that the projects started in a Five Year Plan will be completed within that periods?

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** I have already given a specific reply to this—explaining that we have given up the old perspective and are now concentrating only on a few lines, fixing up the target date. I am very happy to announce that in the course of the last 22 months every line that has been completed was completed 4 or 5 months before the target date. Coming to his constituency, he has not probably read the explanatory note to the Budget. For the line to which he has referred, the amount has already been sanctioned and necessary steps have already been taken.

#### Maintenance of Hospitals Equipment

\*329. **SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration for setting up a special organization on all India basis to ensure that equipment in hospitals and elsewhere did not rust for lack of maintenance or technicians to man them; and

(b) if so, the details and steps being taken if any, in this direction?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY):** (a) and (b). Government is examining the question of proper maintenance of hospital equipment, but there is no proposal to set up a special organisation on an all India basis.

**SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** The hon. Minister Mr. Yadav had given—before Mr. Rabi Ray took over

—an assurance on the floor of the House that special organisation would be set up on all-India basis to ensure that the equipment in hospitals and elsewhere do not rust for lack of maintenance or technicians to man them. I am surprised with the reply the Minister is now giving, because we are seriously concerned with this matter, throughout this country, this is a very big problem firstly the maintenance of equipment and secondly the manning of the equipment. The patients are suffering because even such elementary things as X-rays are now quite often out of order, emergency equipment is out of order, and such things as the monitos for heart attacks and so on are out of order. I would like to know from the Minister, how soon the Government intends to see that these machinery are maintained properly and run properly and the patients are served properly. Is he going to put this matter on a war-footing or not?

**SHRI RABI RAY:** I share the concern of the hon. Member about the maintenance of equipment. But I think she will agree with me when I say that this question of maintenance the equipment must necessarily be done on a localised basis. We are helping the State Governments also and we have established and we are going to establish some regional centres which will be taking care of different States. I have told my officers and they have already written to the State Governments asking them to reply to certain questionnaires as to what they are doing about that. After I get their replies, I will also try to see that these Regional Centres are well equipped.

**SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** He has not specifically replied to this. If that special organisation is to be set up on all-India basis, what about that or special organisation? The regional centres are alright, they will be under you and you will be co-ordinating and so on. What about this all-India machinery and what will be the type of all-India machinery? This is