

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, May 9, 1985
Vatsakha 19, 1907 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *In the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Railway Undertaking in Orissa

*771. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there
is no major Railway Undertaking in
Orissa ;

(b) if so, whether there is any
proposal to set up a major Railway
Undertaking in Orissa ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) No,
Sir. Railway installations/facilities
are not set up on State or regional
consideration. Rather these are set up
keeping in view the requirements for
maintaining day-to-day operation of
the Railways efficiently. The facilities
existing in Orissa are considered
adequate for smooth and efficient
service of the Railway in the State.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : The
hon. Minister has said 'No, Sir',
in reply to parts (a) to (c) of my
question. May I know from the
hon. Minister what are the major
railway undertakings existing in
the State and functioning now ?
Has the State Government of
Orissa submitted some proposals
to set up some railway undertakings
in the

State ? If so, what are those
proposals and what is the reaction
of the Government ?

SHRI BANSILAL : As I have said
earlier, the railway installations/
facilities are not set up on regional
or State considerations. However,
in Orissa, at Mancheswar we are
settling up a carriage repair works
worth Rs. 18 crores.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
What about my question, whether
the State Government has submitted
any proposal to set up railway
public undertakings in the State ?
If so, what is the reaction of the
Government ?

SHRI BANSILAL : Whenever the
State Governments write something
or the other, we consider that. But,
as I have already said, these
facilities are not provided on
State or regional considerations.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : One-
third Kilometrage of total railway
lines in SE Railways is in Orissa,
but the headquarters of SE
Railways are located at Garden
Reach, Calcutta. I would like to
know whether the Orissa State
Government and also the people's
representatives have been
demanding for setting up a branch
of headquarters of the SE
Railways at Bhubneswar. If so,
what is the reaction of the
Government ? The hon. Minister
has said that the Railways are
setting up a carriage repair works
at Mancheswar. How will that
work when the office of the Chief
Engineer is located at Calcutta ?
Is it not a fact that the State
Government and also the users
have been urging on the
Government to station the office
of the Chief Engineer at
Bhubneswar ? If so, what is
the reaction of the Government ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : The office of
the headquarters of South-Eastern

Railways is at Calcutta and that office is not a public undertaking.

[*Translation*]

SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV :
Mr. Speaker, Sir, lakhs of acres of waste-land are available along the Chambal river in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh. I would, therefore, like to know from the hon. Minister whether he will consider setting up a Railway Coach Factory there ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
We both come from Madhya Pradesh. We shall discuss this outside the House,

MR. SPEAKER : You may call him outside the House and also offer him a cup of tea.

[*English*]

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :
The headquarters of the South Eastern Railway is in Calcutta at Garden Reach and the Chief Engineer, of course, stays there. But is it a fact that the Railway Administration feels any difficulty in running many other factories, not only at Mancheshwar but also at Kharagpur, Raipur and many other workshops and loco-sheds ?

SHRI BANSILAL : We do not face any difficulty.

SHRI BRAJMOHAN MOHANTY :
I would like to know whether any study has been made relating to the equitable distribution of Railway resources and investment in different States.

MR. SPEAKER : He has already replied to that. It is not done region-wise.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : I am not interested in regional considerations.

MR. SPEAKER : What are you concerned about ?

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY :
I only want to know whether any study has been made about the equitable

distribution of resources in different States.

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think it is relevant.

Improved Vaccine for Birth Control

*773. **SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute for Immunology has recently improved vaccine for birth control ;

(b) whether the clinical testing of such vaccine has been done ;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(d) by when the said vaccine will be in use and to what extent it will help control the birth rate :

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :
(a) to (d) Development of a vaccine for birth control is under process at the National Institute of Immunology. Clinical trials are expected to begin this year. The use of the vaccine will depend upon the outcome of the trials.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
Mr. Speaker, Sir the Director of the Institute while delivering a speech a month ago had indicated that the vaccine had been developed and that only clinical test remained to be done. The hon. Minister has stated in his reply that it would take a year to develop the vaccine. May I know why this information differs from the indication given in the speech of the Director which he made a month ago ?

Secondly, in the context of developing a vaccine for birth control, may I know whether it will also be helpful in controlling cholera and typhoid and if so, what type what type of research is being conducted and how much