

(b) whether the views of State Governments have also been sought in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) to (c). The entire question of workers participation in management arising out of the report of a 21-Member Committee is proposed to be discussed in a Conference of State Labour Ministers scheduled to be held in July 1980. The question of legislation would be considered in the light of the recommendations of the Conference and a Tripartite Conference to be called subsequently.

#### Coastal Shipping

\*178. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to step up coastal shipping;

(b) if so, whether Government have under consideration any proposal to set up a public corporation for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Double track for Krishnanagar-Lalgola Section

\*179. SHRI RENUPADA DAS:  
SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for laying a double track between Krishnanagar and Lalgola and electrification of the section;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing capacity in the section is considered adequate to meet the present requirements of traffic.

#### Trains cancelled due to shortage of Coal

\*180. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains cancelled for want of adequate supply of coal during the last six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the efficiency of Railways has also been affected due to inadequate supply of coal; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the need of coal for Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) The minimum and maximum number of trains which remained cancelled due to shortage of coal during December 1979 to March, 1980 is given below:—

Month	Minimum No.	Maximum No.
December 1979	162.5 pairs	262.5 pairs
January 1980	120 "	149.5 "
February 1980	117 "	120 "
March 1980	Nil	88 "

There had been no major cancellation of passenger trains during April and May, 1980 on account of loco coal shortages excepting that some trains were cancelled on Southern Railway for short periods of 2-3 days due to