

**Re-opening of Martin Railway in Howrah Division**

\*13. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS  
MUNSI;

SHRI R. N. BARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what effective measures have been taken to re-open the closed Martin Railways in Howrah Division;

(b) whether any approach in this regard has been made by West Bengal Government; and

(c) if so, Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). It has been decided to examine the feasibility of broad gauge lines in the area served by the erstwhile Light Railways. For this purpose, Engineering-cum-Traffic Surveys are in progress or are being taken up. The position has also been explained to the State Government of West Bengal.

**Loss of income suffered by Railway during the Recent Agitation in Andhra Pradesh due to Stoppage of Normal Movement of Railways**

\*14. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN;  
SHRI S. A. MURUGANAN-  
THAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss of income suffered due to the stoppage of movement of Railways in Andhra Pradesh during the recent agitations;

(b) the extent of dislocation in Railway services in the State; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure regular running of Railway services there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The loss of income due to cancellation of passenger trains and dislocation of goods traffic as a result of the agitation in Andhra Pradesh, from the last week of October 1972 till 15th February 1973 is estimated to be about Rs. 18 crores.

(b) A number of passenger trains including several through trains from Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta passing through Andhra Pradesh had to be cancelled. As on 16th February 1973, 33 Mail/Express trains and 356 passenger trains remain partly or fully cancelled. Goods train operation has also considerably suffered and thousands of loaded wagons have been held up resulting in considerable reduction in loading.

(c) Every endeavour is being made to restore the rail operation to the extent possible. Services of the Territorial Army units are also being utilised for this purpose.

**Accidents due to non-supply of Tools in Locomotives in Asansol Division**

\*15. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway off and on Railway accidents occur due to non-supply of proper tools in the locomotives;

(b) if so, the reason for such lapses on the part of the local Railway administration; and

(c) what safety steps have been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) There has been no accident attributable to non-