

कि उक्त समय अल्पत तनावपूर्ण स्थिति के बावजूद ये लोग इस कार्य के लिए जाग जावे वे।

Loss Due to Incidents of Crime in Railway Yards

*647. SHRI K. CHIKKALINGAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the amount of loss incurred by Government due to incidents of crime, including thefts in Railway yards during the last three years, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): The amount of loss to the Railways during the years 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 was in the order of Rs. 9.54, 9.13 and 9.84 crores respectively due to incidents of crime including thefts in yards.

Deputation of Chief Ministers for Railway Development in N.E. Region

*6078. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether a deputation comprising of the Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories of North Eastern region headed by the then Governor of North Eastern States Shri B. K. Nehra, met the Prime Minister sometime in 1973 and submitted a memorandum;

(b) whether the Prime Minister had assured the delegation that Government would take all necessary steps for the development of Railways in N. E. Region and an overall survey of the rail and other communication needs of the region would be prepared and cost of projects would be estimated and funds would be made available; and

(c) if so, whether any survey has been made so far and what are the projects taken by Government and the amount sanctioned for those projects in 1975-76 budget?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) In pursuance to the decision arrived at the meeting of the Chief Ministers with the Prime Minister held on 13th September, 1973 in New Delhi, the Railways have taken up the surveys for the following projects at the cost of North Eastern Council. The surveys are yet to be completed.

1. Pancharatnaghat-Dudhnai-Darangir
2. Gauhati-Burnihat
3. Lalaghat-Sairang
4. Rangapara-Balipara-Bhalukpong
5. Tipling-Itangnagar
6. Murkongselek-Fasighat
7. Gauhati-Dudhnai.

The proposals will be considered further after the survey reports are received and examined.

Proposal to Reduce Prices of Raw Materials of Drugs

6079. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government want to reduce the prices of some of the raw materials of drugs which are either canalised or sold by IDIL at pool prices, if so, the names of products, their present prices and the proposed reduction/increase in price and the reasons for doing so;

(b) whether the S. T. C. has flouted and misrepresented to his Ministry about the prices of imported materials if so, the facts about it; and

(c) whether Government propose to lift the price control for the Indian sector as it is done in the case of cars, vegetable oils and other products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K.R. GANESH): (a) There is, at present, no such proposal under consideration of Government.

(b) The prices of bulk drugs/drug intermediates imported and distributed by the S.T.C. are fixed in accordance with a formula laid down by the CCI & E and the quotations obtained by S. T. C.