

shift the people. It is really one of flood embankment. It is not a dam across the river. This flood embankment is on the left side of the Ganga to protect more than 45 villages from the floods. The people who are inside the embankment, if they shift, it will indeed be very good, but I doubt very much if they would, because this bank is at a distance; it is not at the edge of the river; it is at a distance of about two miles, and the villagers affected are near the bank. Therefore, I doubt it very much. Anyhow, it is for the Government of Uttar Pradesh to take necessary steps in that direction.

Ultra-Sonic Rail Testing Equipment

*657. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to manufacture ultra-sonic rail testing equipment indigenously ;

(b) if so, when the manufacture of this equipment is likely to commence ; and

(c) what would be its cost price ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, Sir. However, an order for 40 sets of Ultra-sonic Rail Tester was placed on an Indian firm, who assemble the equipment out of components imported from West Germany, except for a few indigenous components locally fabricated.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : May I know from the Minister which are the countries from where we are importing such kinds of equipment, and what is their cost price ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : In 1964, the Indian Railways procured 16 rail testers of different types for trial purposes, and they were mostly from Japan and USA.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : What is its cost price ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : I do not have the cost price stated here. I will supply it to the

hon. Member when I get the information.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : May I know whether the Government of India has decided to manufacture such kinds of equipment in the public sector ?

SHRI : HANUMANTHAIYA : Yes, Sir. That is a useful suggestion. As I said, we have not thought of it. I think we may think of it for manufacturing it in the public sector.

MR. SPEAKER : May I remind the Minister that such observations find their way in the report of the Committee on Amurances. So, you have to be on your guard all the time.

SHRI B. V. NAIK : May I know from the hon. Minister what is this Ultra-sonic Rail Testing Equipment ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : If it is necessary, I will read it. They have given me the brief.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Circulate it or place it in the Library.

MR. SPEAKER : I did not follow the question.

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : He asked what is this testing equipment.

SHRI B. V. NAIK : It seems to be a very complicated scientific terminology. I do not know what it is. So, we could not discuss much about it.

MR. SPEAKER : We will try to study it now.

SHRI B. V. NAIK : I will be grateful if the Minister tells us about it.

Daily Service of Utkal Express

*659. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to convert the Bi-weekly Utkal Express to daily Express and to reduce the running time of this Express train ; and