

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Strike by Railway Employees at Pratappgarh Railway Station (Northern Railway)

*32. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway employees had gone on a strike on 16th April, 1971 at the Pratappgarh Railway Station (U.P.) in Protest against the attack on a Porter by the Railway Protection Force; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken any action against the guilty RPF personnel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) There was no strike at Pratappgarh Railway Station. However, as a result of a scuffle between a Head Rakshak of the Railway Protection Force and a Box Porter at Pratappgarh on 15-4-71 certain trains were detained at this station beyond their scheduled stoppage.

(b) and (c). A case was registered with Government Railway Police, Pratappgarh, and the two employees concerned were arrested on 15-4-71 by Government Railway Police and released on bail. The case is under investigation and the employees have been placed under suspension.

Restoration of Gohana Panipat Railway Line (Northern Railway)

*33. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given an undertaking to extend the Railway line from Gohana to Panipat which was dismantled during the World War II;

(b) if so, the reasons for not restoring the Railway line from Gohana to Panipat;

(c) whether the people of Haryana have been facing difficulty for want of this Railway line; and

(d) whether Government propose to give any priority for this project to solve the traffic problem of that area ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a), (b) and (d). Based on an assurance given during the budget debates in the Parliament in March, 1969 and in pursuance of the recommendations of the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee of 1969, a detailed traffic survey for the restoration of the Gohana-Panipat section has been carried out recently and the survey report is under examination of the Railway Board. A decision regarding this restoration will be taken after the survey report is examined from all angles.

(c) No such difficulty has been brought to the notice of Railway authorities.

Increase in crime in Samastipur Division (North Eastern Railway)

*40. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA : will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of crimes is increasing in Samastipur Division, N.E.Rly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to arrest the increasing trend of crimes ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) General deterioration in the law & order situation in that area.

(c) The matter will be taken up with the State Government.

Pending Applications for setting up of New Cement Factories

*41. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL : will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS NANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications which are pending for issue of letters of intent to start new cement factories;