

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO : So many steps have been taken by the railways to reduce the number of claims which is dependent on the reduction of thefts and so on, but in spite of these steps, already the value of the claims being paid by them is going up. Will the hon. Minister explain this phenomenon ?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : I am aware of the situation. This has been a malady of such a long-standing that I require some more time to tackle this.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Late Running of Mail and Express Trains between Kanpur, Katihar and Barauni Railway Stations

*181. **SHRI B.R. SHUKLA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mail and Express trains running between Kanpur, Katihar and Barauni Railway Stations usually run very late; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, except during the months of August & September when, on account of heavy rains and floods in Bihar, breaches occurred and track was damaged on Barauni-Katihar Main line section and Kanpur Katihar trains had to make a detour via the Samastipur-Khagaria Chord line.

Dieselisation of Train

*183. **SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of the trains which have been dieselised with effect from the 1st November, 1971, and to what extent the running time will be reduced by this dieselisation; and

(b) the proposals before Government for dieselisation of other trains in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Sir, only one pair viz. 25 Dn/26 Up Air-conditioned/Paschim Express has been dieselised between Bombay Central and New Delhi from 1-11-71. As a result, the load of this train has been augmented by four bogies and the journey time has been reduced by 45 minutes in Bombay Central-New Delhi direction and 1 hour 45 mts. in New Delhi-Bombay Central direction.

(b) A tentative list has been drawn up for about 20 B.G. and 12 M.G. pairs of Mail/Express trains to be dieselised in a phased manner depending on the availability of diesel locomotives and the relative priorities of the various sections.

इण्डियन रेलवे चैंकिंग स्टाफ एसोसिएशन द्वारा प्रस्तुत मांग पत्र

*188. **श्री रामाचतार शास्त्री :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत 28 और 29 अगस्त को पटना में इण्डियन रेलवे चैंकिंग स्टाफ एसोसिएशन का अखिल भारतीय सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या उस सम्मेलन में पास किये गये संकल्प और मांग-पत्र उनके मंत्रालय को भेज दिये गए हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री के० हनुमन्तैया) : (क) मालूम हुआ है कि 28 और 29 अगस्त, 1971 को पटना में भारतीय रेलवे टिकट चैंकिंग स्टाफ एसोसिएशन का एक सम्मेलन हुआ था ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Fisheries Complex at Cochin

*190. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :** Will