

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS)

रामपुर से काठगोदाम (उत्तर प्रदेश) तक  
ब्रॉडगेज रेल लाइन

\*128. डा० मुरली मनीहर जोशी :  
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे  
कि :

(क) क्या 1974 में तत्कालीन प्रधान  
मंत्री ने रामपुर से काठगोदाम (उत्तर प्रदेश)  
तक ब्रॉड गेज रेल लाइन के निर्माण के लिये  
शिलान्वास किया था ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस काम पर अब  
तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ग) इस योजना का कार्यान्वयन कब  
तक प्रारम्भ होगा ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधुदण्डवते) : (क) से  
(ग). जी हाँ। परियोजना की आधारशिला  
1974 में तत्कालीन प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा रखी  
गई थी। यह परियोजना रेलवे बजट में  
शामिल है। अन्तिम मार्ग निर्धारण सर्वेक्षण  
पूरा होने वाला है और इस परियोजना  
का निर्माण-कार्य भी शुरू कर दिया गया  
है।

Constitution of Rail India Technical  
and Economic Services

\*324. SHRI R. KOLANTHAIVELU:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the position regarding the orga-  
nisation and constitution of the Rail  
India Technical and Economic Ser-  
vices; and

(b) the achievements made by the  
organisation so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : (a)  
and (b). Rail India Technical and

Economic Services Ltd. (in short  
RITES), with its headquarter, regis-  
tered at New Delhi, is a public sector  
undertaking under the administrative  
control of the Ministry of Railways.  
The present authorised share capital  
of the Company is Rs. 1 crore and  
the subscribed share capital of the  
Company is Rs. 10 lakhs. The Com-  
pany is managed by a full time  
Managing Director and two full time  
functional Directors. The Chairman,  
Railway Board is part time Chairman  
of the Company and there are three  
more part time Directors on the Com-  
pany's Board of Management.

2 This Company was set up in 1974  
to cater to the considerable demand  
primarily outside India, for consul-  
tancy services in all fields of railway  
construction, operation and manage-  
ment.

3. Rail India Technical and Econo-  
mic Services Ltd. have successfully  
completed abroad the following pro-  
jects :—

(i) Feasibility-cum-cost study  
together with economic study  
of three new lines in Syria  
(450 Kms.).

(ii) Preliminary feasibility-cum-  
cost study for a new line in  
Iran (325 kms.)

(iii) System study of the Ghana  
Railways for improving main-  
tenance standards of the roll-  
ing stock in particular and  
the railway system in gener-  
ral.

4. The Company has currently the  
following foreign assignments in  
hand:—

(i) Deputation of expert per-  
sonnel in the various disciplines of  
railway working to the Zairian  
National Railway, including provi-  
sion of back-up services from the  
Home Offices.

(ii) Provision of consultancy on  
strengthening and rehabilitation of  
the 474 kms. long Manila-Legaspi

line of the Philippine National Railway system. (Asian Development Bank aided Project).

(iii) Provision of consultancy on the setting up of training facilities and for improvement in the maintenance of rolling stock and diesel locomotives on the Ghana Railway.

(iv) Provision of consultancy for study of the existing network for formulation of short and long term solution in reference to gauge conversion and/or construction of new lines in Standard Gauge for the Nigerian Railway Corporation.

5. The Company is also handling the following assignments within the country:—

(i) Survey for a road-bridge across the river Brahmaputra.

(ii) Optimisation of transport of fertilisers and raw-materials therefor.

(iii) Consultancy for close loop railway service for a Super Thermal Power Plant in East India.

(iv) Consultancy regarding railway facilities for a major Steel Plant in South India.

(v) Consultancy for Inland Water Transport in the North-Eastern Region of India.

6. A dividend of 12 per cent was declared by the Company for its operation in 1976. It is expected to make a sizeable profit this year also.

#### High Priority for Guruvayoor-Kuttippuram Railway Line

\*325. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give high priority for construction of Guruvayoor-Kuttippuram Railway in Kerala State; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b). A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey has been carried out for the rail link from Kuttippuram to Trichur via Guruvayoor. The proposed line will be 60 Kms. long and is estimated to cost about Rs. 11 crores yielding a financial return of 1.4 per cent. A decision regarding construction of the line will be taken after the examination of the reports is completed and would depend upon the availability of resources.

#### Looting of Passengers of Triveni Express

\*326. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported looting of passengers of Triveni Express near Atrampur Station on 8th June, 1977;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take in future to step up security of travelling passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) and (b). Yes. An armed robbery took place in 70 Dn. Lucknow-Chopra express on 8-6-77. While it was passing between Railway Stations Lal Gopalganj and Ram Chaura Road, three miscreants looted six passengers and threw two boxes, one attache case and a brief case from second class coach No. 9068. When resisted by passengers, they injured two passengers with knife while another passenger was shot at with a countrymade pistol injuring him in the arm. The miscreants loosened the hosepipe stopper and managed to jump out when the train slowed down due to drop in vacuum. Two of the injured were admitted into hospital. Clues collected were followed up and two accused persons (1) Muktar Ahmed, s/o Shahzad Hussain, (2) Abul Hussain, s/o. Bashir Ahmed, both