

Cancellation of Tender for Railway Colony at Paradeep

*700. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tender amounting to Rs. 2 lakhs in respect of the proposed Railway Colony at Paradeep had been cancelled by the Engineer-in-Chief, Planning and Development, towards the end of the year 1969; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such cancellation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a) A tender notice issued in August, 1969, for the construction of staff quarters at Paradeep Port in connection with the Cuttack-Paradeep raillink was withdrawn on 13th August, 1969, even before the tenders were actually received.

(b) Some rethinking had to be done in the middle of last year regarding the Cuttack-Paradeep rail link. However, this tender has subsequently been finalised and the acceptance letter issued on 27th January, 1970.

Decline in Investment in Industries in West Bengal

*701. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment that there has been a sharp decline in investment in the industries in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what has been the break-up for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the lack of investment will cause any economic imbalance of the State as compared to other States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). While no assessment as such has been made of the quantum of investment flowing into industries in West Bengal, the number of industrial applications

received and the number of letters of intent and licences issued in West Bengal in 1969 are more than in the two previous years as revealed from the statistics below:

	1967	1968	1969
Number of industrial applications received	86	96	110
Number of letters of intent issued.	30	18	26
Number of licences issued	48	34	64

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Halt Stations at Seemapuri, Selampur and Gandhi Nagar Colonies in Delhi

*702. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:
SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA:
SHRI JAI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 5 lakh people of Delhi living in trans-Jumna colonies are served by the Railways in their to and fro journeys;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the passenger facilities at Shahadara station are extremely inadequate to cope with the ever increasing needs of the passengers;

(c) whether all the trunk trains do not halt at Shahadara at present and, if so, whether Government propose to halt all the trunk trains there;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce more Suburban trains between Meerut and Delhi to cater to the needs of the people and, if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to open halt stations at Seemapuri, Selampur and Gandhi Nagar and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a) Sir, the population in trans-Jumna colonies has been estimated to be over 3 lakhs but the exact figure is not available with the Railways.

(b) No, Sir, but the need for augmenting the existing amenities is under consideration.