

(f) The permit conditions including the tariff rates are fully brought to the notice of operators and they are instructed to strictly adhere to these conditions as also the tariff rates. During the course of checks by the enforcement staff of the S.T.A., the permits of bus operators found indulging in any malpractice, including charging extra fare for luggage are suspended/cancelled.

Rail traffic in Shahganj-Ballia sector

486. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fine rail traffic has increased considerably in the Shahganj-Ballia sector in U.P.;

(b) whether Government propose to convert the Shahganj-Ballia Railway line from narrow gauge to broad gauge; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The variation in rail traffic on Shahganj-Ballia Metre Gauge section on North Eastern Railway during last five years has been marginal.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for taking up gauge conversion of Shahganj-Mau Jn. and Phephna-Ballia Metre Gauge sections to Broad Gauge at present. The Mati Jn.-Indara section is already covered in the Varanasi-Bhatni gauge conversion project, which is in progress. A survey for conversion of Phephna-Indara Metre Gauge line is in progress to determine its cost and financial viability etc.

बाक्स "एन" टाइप बगनों के द्वारा कोयले की ड़ूलाई

487. श्री श्रीर्षा इन्द्रविभोग : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बाक्स-"एन" टाइप के बगनों द्वारा थर्मल पावर स्टेशनों के लिए कोयले के परिवहन में 15 से 18 प्रतिशत घाटा आता है;

(ख) मजदूरों और टोपलरों द्वारा बाक्स "एन" बगनों से माल खाली करने के लिए सीमा के सम्बन्ध में क्या नियम हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस आशय की मांग की गयी है कि कोयला ले जाने के लिए 55 टन भार की क्षमता बहुत अधिक है और इसे बदला जाना चाहिए; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या निर्णय लिए जाने की सम्भावना है और कब तक?

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिन्धिया) : (क) रेलों पर ऐसा कोई घाटा नहीं है ।

(ख) 45 अथवा अधिक बाक्स "एन" बगनों के रके को खाली करने का निशुल्क समय, मानव परिचालन के मामले में 11 घन्टे तथा यांत्रिक परिचालन के मामले में 10 घन्टे है ।

(ग) कल्पित रेल उपयोगकर्ताओं में इस आशय के कुछ अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं कि बाक्स "एन" टाइप के माल डिब्बों में उनकी अंकित ड़ूलाई क्षमता तक कोयले का लदान करना सम्भव नहीं है ।

(घ) बाक्स "एन" माल डिब्बों में लदा गए स्लैक कोयला तथा भाप कोयला के प्रभार के लिए क्रमशः 55 टन तथा 54 टन के स्तर तक घटाया गया न्यूनतम वजन, दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे पर कोयला-क्षेत्रों से लादे जाने वाले कोयले पर 1-12-1983 से लागू है । यह निश्चित करने के लिए कि क्या प्रभार के लिए वर्तमान न्यूनतम भार में कोई और कमी-वर्षी करने की आवश्यकता है, आगे और भारी परीक्षण किए जा रहे हैं ।

Loans to shipping companies

488. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY. Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of shipping companies which have taken

loans from shipping Development Fund Committee are facing the prospect of closure;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due from six Indian shipping companies along with the interest due as on the 31st October, 1985; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the loans given to these six companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A number of SDFC loanee shipping companies have defaulted in their repayments of loans to Shipping Development Fund Committee on account of financial problems arising out of long world-wide recession in the shipping industry.

(b) The total amount outstanding against all the SDFC-assisted shipping companies along with the interest due on 31-10-1985 is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) As the six companies have not been specified, it is not possible to give the specific steps taken to protect the loans given in these six companies. However, steps taken to secure the interests of Shipping Development Fund Committee include:

(i) Watching the performance of shipping companies through two officials appointed by SDFC as Directors on the Board of each SDFC-assisted shipping company and bringing to the notice of SDFC the defaults committed by the company,

(ii) Decision by SDFC to foreclose the mortgages against the ships of the defaulting company after considering the totality of circumstances leading to default.

(iii) Charging a higher rate of interest of 8 percent instead of concessional rate of interest (ranging from 3 per cent to 7.5 per cent) on loans given by SDFC.

Statement

Details of amounts overdue from shipping companies as on 31-10-1985

Sl. No.	Name of the Shipping Company	Amount due (Principal)	Half yearly interest	Payment under guarantee and counter-guarantee	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Public Sector :					
1	Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.	1,23,91,73,636.45	48,84,08,840.69	..	1,72,75,82,477.14
2	Mogul Line Ltd.	18,90,20,694.47	10,11,90,130.53	3,10,80,512.00	32,12,91,337.00
		TOTAL A :		3,10,80,512.00	2,04,88,73,814.14
B. Private Sector :					
1	Scindia Steam Navg. Co. Ltd.	22,86,53,528.10	11,96,75,109.83	..	34,83,33,673.83
2	Damodar Bulk Carriers Ltd.	15,95,34,838.00	5,87,91,186.14	..	21,83,26,024.14
3	Nilhat Shipp. Co. Ltd.	2,91,32,000.00	5,81,56,668.29	8,95,19,820.00	17,69,08,488.29
4	India Steamships Ltd.	12,86,31,517.48	6,58,63,020.49	..	19,44,94,537.97
5	Dempo Steam ships. Ltd.	8,66,87,873.99	2,55,95,303.37	..	11,32,83,177.36
6	Ratnakar Shipping Co. Ltd.	6,97,18,385.31	4,03,41,375.49	6,67,47,572.81	17,68,07,333.61
7	Seven Seas Transportation Ltd.	5,23,88,766.00	1,49,14,392.45	..	6,73,03,158.45

1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Surrendra Overseas Ltd. (including S Sagar Shipp. Co. Ltd.)	6,23,42,336.12	1,82,81,432.45	..	8,06,23,768.57
9	Chowgule Steamships Ltd.	4,05,52,717.00	1,44,74,951.27	..	5,50,27,468.27
10	South India Shipping Corpn. Ltd.	2,57,77,950.48	22,49,094.43	..	2,80,26,999.91
11	R.A.J. Lines Ltd.	7,00,000.00	28,68,983.77	1,15,43,297.00	1,51,12,280.77
12	Indoceanic Shipping Co. Ltd.	45,17,000.00	19,72,502.88	62,25,657.11	1,27,15,159.99
13	Thakur Shipp. Co. Ltd. . . . .	..	72,700.86	18,32,584.00	19,05,284.86
14	Panchsheel Shipping Co. Ltd. . . . .	..	4,06,659.06	9,63,34,859.29	9,68,41,218.35
15	Sujwala Shipp. Co. Ltd. . . . .	..	32,54,943.61	11,09,637.00	43,64,580.61
TOTAL B :		88,86,41,7,12.48	42,80,17,973.39	27,34,13,427.21	1,59,00,73,113.08
GRAND TOTAL A+B :		2,31,68,36,043.40	1,01,76,16,944.61	30,44,93,939.21	3,63,80,46,927.22