

Present production cost of Electricity in Thermal Power Plants

1384. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state what is the per unit production cost at present of electricity in different thermal power plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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1385. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले दो महीनों के दौरान नई दिल्ली और निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशनों से चलने वाली और वहां पहुंचने वाली तीव्रगामी रेलगाड़ियों की संख्या कितनी है और उनके निर्धारित समय के बाद प्रस्थान करने और पहुंचने के क्या कारण थे ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री बंसी लाल) : जून और जुलाई, 1985 के दौरान नयी दिल्ली और निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशनों से 1683 सुपरफास्ट गाड़ियां चली तथा पहुंची। इन गाड़ियों का निर्धारित समय की तुलना में विलम्ब से प्रस्थान तथा पहुंचने के कारण है भारी बर्दाश्त/दरारे दुर्घटनाएँ, खतरे की चेतावनी खींचना, शरारती तत्वों की भतिविधियाँ, चूल रुका तथा सिगनल की खराबी, आदि।

Construction of Bagha Chhitoni Railway Bridge

1386. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 12 years ago a scheme was formulated to construct "Bagha Chhitoni" railway bridge to connect Eastern UP with North Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Restoration of Chhitoni-Bigha rail link (28.4 Kms.), including construction of a bridge across river Gandak, was estimated in 1962 to cost over Rs. 61 crores. The 9 Kms. section between Bagha and Valmiki nagar Road has been opened to traffic. The cost of the river protection works estimated in 1982 to cost Rs. 38 crores has to be borne jointly by the Ministry of Irrigation and State Governments of UP and Bihar. Only part payments have so far been made by them to the Railway. Their commitment to bear the increased share of the cost is awaited and is being pursued with them. Construction of the remaining section, including construction of the bridge, will depend on availability of resources in the Railway Sector and acceptance to make payment of the increased share of the cost by the State Governments of U.P. and Bihar.

Reserved compartments in trains

1387. DR. MOHD. HASHMI KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons without reservation enter the second class reserved compartments and do not allow the bona-fide passengers who have reservation to occupy their berths in a number of trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of second class sleepers conductors after taking money a number of passengers to spread their beds on the floor and in the corridors near latrines which cause considerable hardships to passenger

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take against these practices?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (c) Cases of commuters unauthorised^