

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Out of 291 days on which 177 Jhelum Express ran upto Jammu Tawi, it reached right time on 73 days. Out of 364 days on which 178 Jhelum Express ran upto Pune, it arrived right time on 95 days.

(b) Reasons for its late running are generally Alarm Chain Pulling, Special speed Restrictions in Punjab area due to disturbed conditions and short lie over at the two terminals viz. Jammu Tawi and Pune.

(c) Steps are being taken to increase the lie over at Jammu Tawi so as to absorb any late arrival of incoming train there. In addition, punctuality of this train is now being monitored in special Punctuality Cell in the Railway Board.

(d) There is no system to assess such losses.

Manmad-Mudkhed line conversion Project

249. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) progress made so far in completion of Manmad-Mudkhed line conversion project ;

(b) what is the amount spent on it;

(c) what progress in this regard is likely to be made during the year 1985; and

(d) whether the project is likely to be completed in the 7th Five Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) Conversion of the M.G. line from Manmad to Mudkhed to B.G. is covered by 2 approved projects as follows:—

(i) Conversion from Manmad to Parbhani (290 Kms.) and Parbhani to Parli Vaijnath (64 Kms.) Work is in progress only on 1st phase

from Manmad to Aurangabad (114 Kms.) and its progress is 27.6 per cent. The amount spent on it is Rs. 7.27 crores.

(ii) Conversion into B.G. from Parbhani to Adilabad (248 Kms.). This has been recently approved in 1984-85 & its progress is 0.15 per cent. Amount spent so far is Rs. 1 lakh.

(c) The progress in 1985 will depend on allotment of funds for 1985-86, which is still under finalisation.

(d) The completion of the conversion in Seventh Five Year Plan will depend on allocation of resources which are yet to be decided.

बिहार में शिक्षा प्रणाली की असफलता

250. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि बिहार में शिक्षा का स्तर काफी नीचा है और इसका कारण अध्यापकों, शिक्षा प्रदान करने में सहायक सामग्री और यथोचित स्कूल भवनों की कमी है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप राज्य में शिक्षा प्रणाली असफल हो गई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसकी वजह से सम्पन्न विद्यार्थी उच्च शिक्षा के लिए दिल्ली और चंडीगढ़ चले गये हैं और बाकी के विद्यार्थी अपने उचित हिस्से से वंचित हैं ; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार स्थिति को सुधारने तथा करोड़ों विद्यार्थियों के भविष्य को सुरक्षित बनाने के लिए यथोचित कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री के. सी. पन्त) :

(क) यह सच है कि बिहार के काफी स्कूलों में, भवन, प्रशिक्षित शिक्षक, शिक्षण सहायक साधन आदि जैसी सुविधाओं का अभाव है, जैसा कि देश के कई अन्य भागों में है।