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Asavati railway station on the Central Railway

1243. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water has not been provided at the Asavati railway station on the Central Railway though a water tank has been constructed;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is provision of electricity at the said railway station but the Assistant Engineers' Office Mathura have refused to provide electricity to some railway staff quarters there;

(c) whether it is a fact that an authorised cycle stand has also been granted but no proper site is being given to the allottee by the office of the Assistant Engineer, Mathura even after completion of all formalities by the allottee;

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, the reasons for not providing the said facilities at the aid railway station by Assistant Engineer's Office Mathura; and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY): (a) No, Sir, A hand pump has been provided on the main platform, water is also supplied by running travelling water tank. Piped water supply for this station is proposed to be obtained from Public Health Engineering Department Harayana. Railway have already constructed underground tanks. High Service Tanks, etc. and have deposited a sum of Rs. 1,60,302 with the Public Health Engineering Depart-

ment. Faridabad for laying of the main pipeline.

(b) Sir, out of 39 staff quarters, 9 quarters have already been electrified. Electrification of balance quarters could not be planned so far, for want of funds.

(c) A site for the cycle stand has since been selected and instructions have been issued on 25-4-84 for the allotment of the same to the Contractor.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the reply given to parts (b) and (c) above.

Proposal to use Electronic Weighing Scales in F.C.I.

1244. SHRI M. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has taken a decision to replace the existing mechanical lorry/truck weighing scales with the modernised electronic weighing system/scales at its various depots and godowns throughout the country to expedite the process of weighing food-grains and movements of the same with high degree of accuracy;

(b) whether before procurement of such electronic weighing system any reference has been made to the Department of Electronics for ascertaining the availability of such scales in the country which might have been developed with foreign Technology; and

(c) if so, what are the details and what further action is being contemplated for procurement of electronic weighing scales for lorries and trucks of FCI?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) The Food Corporation of India has very recently placed a trial order for installation of two electronic type lorry weigh-bridges on the basis of competitive tender enquiry. The performance of these weigh-bridges will have to be watched before taking any decision to adopt them increasingly in future.

Scarcity of railway wagons in North Eastern Region

1245. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi of the 26th April, 1984 under the caption "scarcity of wagons in North-East".

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

(c) whether the present mechanical weighing system of wagons has at places been found to be the main reason for the delay in movement of wagons; and

(d) what efforts have been made to replace the said system with electronic weighing system or scale so that movement of wagons becomes smooth?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to certain works in connection with Gauge Conversion work between New Bongaigaon and Gauhati from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge, the movement of goods traffic was disturbed to some extent resulting in detention to wagons. As a result, in order that essential commodities can move smoothly a restriction was temporarily imposed on the movement of non-essential commodities. This restriction will be removed as soon as condition permit.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, as electronic-in-motion weigh bridges are more efficient for weightment compar-

ed to mechanical weigh bridges, Railways placed developmental orders for the procurement of two electronic-in-motion weigh bridges which have since been received and are being commissioned.

Prevention of Floods in Andhra Pradesh

1246. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive scheme under Government's consideration to prevent the recurrence of floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh has been facing occasional floods. It is mostly a problem of drainage congestion rather than extensive floods. After floods of 1964, Government of India had constituted a Committee to look into this problem. The Committee recommended a drainage scheme of improvement of various drains in Krishna and Godavari Delta and also construction of three reservoirs in Kolleru lake basin. The work on one of these reservoirs has almost been completed.

As regards Krishna Godavari delta drainage scheme, its total estimated costs, as reported by the State Government is Rs. 165.74 crores out of which Rs. 61.24 crores have been spent by the State upto March 1983 and area benefited is reported to be 8.09 lakh hectares.

1247. [Withdrawn.]

खंडवा दोहद रेल मार्ग

1248. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री श्री प्रकाशचन्द्र मेठी ने मध्य