

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-recovery of the outstanding dues from the producers of the films and what is the amount involved; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to recover the same ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAU-DHURY) :

(a) No, Sir. Producers of the film "The Burning Train" and "Gandhi" have paid to the Railways a sum of Rs. 3,39,277/- and Rs. 22,30,998/- respectively in final settlement of all dues for all the facilities provided by the Railways for shooting film sequences in railway premises.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Complaints against short supply of water to Rajasthan

*48. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about short supply of water to Rajasthan from the Ganga, Bhakra and Rajasthan Canals; 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)

Rajasthan receives irrigation supplies from Sutlej in its Bhakra Canal and from Ravi and Beas in Rajasthan Canal and Gang Canal. In a Technical Committee meeting of Bhakra Beas Management Board held on 8th July, 1983 Rajasthan representative brought out that they had received short supplies of about 7 per cent from 21st May, 1983 to 7th July, 1983 in their share of Ravi Beas Waters. The matter was discussed in detail in this meeting where Punjab representative assured that Rajasthan would get its due share.

Demand of people of Orissa for Unking; Western Orissa with eastern Orissa by rail

*49. SHRI DHANESHWAR MAJHI:

SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct Talcher-Sambalpur Railway line on priority basis in order to link Eastern and Western Orissa by Rail for all round industrial development of the State; and

(b) if so, by when the construction work is expected to start ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAU-DHURY):

(a) and (b) The Survey Report for the Talcher-Sambalpur rail link is under examination. Further action will depend on the results of the examination, subject to clearance by Planning Commission and availability of resources.

Loss to Railways in 1983-84

*50. SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR MAHA-PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are likely to face serious financial loss in 1983-84; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAU-DHURY):

(a) and (b) There has been some shortfall in the proportionate earnings in the first three months, compared to what was projected in the Budget proposals, especially in respect of goods-traffic earnings.