

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Tuticorin Port was declared Major Port in July 1974. The traffic handled at this port from that time is given below:—

(In lakh tonnes)			
Year	Import	Export	Total
1974-75	0.74	..	0.74
1975-76	2.51	0.26	2.77
1976-77	3.24	3.05	6.29
1977-78	5.01	1.34	6.35
1978-79	6.89	3.69	10.58
1979-80	17.13	6.99	24.12

(b) Provision for construction of additional berths, procurement of handling equipment, etc. is proposed to be made in the five year plan 1980-85.

Implementation of Bonus Act

1050. SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN PANDEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make the implementation of the Bonus Act compulsory for various industries;

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise the ceiling and if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have held any meeting with the concerns of production and labour in this regard; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) Implementation of the provisions of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, is a statutory obligation of the establishments to which the Act applies.

(b) Proposals for raising the ceilings for payment of bonus have been received and are being considered alongwith other proposals.

(c) In February, 1980 meetings were held with the representatives of the organisations of workers and employers. Another meeting was held in June, 1980 with certain labour leaders. Several suggestions were made for amending the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, during discussion at these meetings. These are under consideration.

भोपाल रेलवे स्टेशन पर चोरियों का घटनाएं

1051. श्री प्यारेलाल खण्डेलवाल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भोपाल रेलवे स्टेशन पर 1 जनवरी, 1979 तथा 31 मार्च, 1980 के बीच जेब चटने तथा चोरों की कितनी घटनाएँ हुई ; और

(ख) भोपाल-होशंगाबाद-खंडवा तथा भोपाल-बिना खण्ड में 1 मार्च, 1980 और 30 जून, 1980 के बीच रेलों में कितनी चकत्तियाँ पड़ी ?

Incidents of thefts on the Bhopal Railway Station

1051. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of pickpocketing and thefts that took place between 1st January, 1979 and 31st March, 1980 at the Bhopal Railway Station; and

(b) what is the number of train dacoities between 1st March, 1980 and 30th June, 1980 on Bhopal—Hoshangabad—Khandwa and on Bhopal—Bina sections?]

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