

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Electric trains on Eastern Railway are maintaining a high standard of punctuality.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Traction Motors under repair

1108. SHRI SYED SAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the traction motors in the Sealdah Division are almost always under repairs; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Traction Motors in the Sealdah Division are not always under repair.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of Ahmedpur-Katwa-Bandel-Katwa Line

1109. SHRI SYED SAHEDULLAH: SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government for the conversion of the narrow gauge Ahmedpur-Katwa-Bandel-Katwa line into medium gauge?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Ahmedpur-Katwa and Burdwan-Katwa narrow gauge lines are non-Government railways but are worked by the Eastern Railway. There is no proposal presently under consideration for converting these narrow gauge lines into broad gauge.

Electrification of Katwa-Bandel railway line

1110. SHRI SYED SAHEDULLAH: SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the electrification and the doubling of the Katwa-Bandel railway line; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of a tunnel connecting Asansol and K. T. Road

1111. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tunnel from Asansol Railway Station to K.T. Road is in a dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to construct a double-way tunnel there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The subway under the tracks (consisting of two lanes of traffic under the two arches) is maintained in a safe condition.

(b) Does not arise.

Traction motors needed for a rake

1112. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of traction motors needed for a rake;