

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Coach factory in Kerala

1285. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a coach factory in Kerala;

(b) whether a preliminary report submitted earlier on this project had suggested Kanchi Kot near Palghat on the location of this project; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what further steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c) In view of the increasing demand for railway coaches, a techno-economic survey regarding the feasibility of setting up a new Coach Production Unit is being conducted, which will include recommendations on location, capacity, cost etc. about the proposed Coach Production Unit. The Survey will be undertaken during the year 1979-80.

Allocation of funds for construction of new railway line in Orissa

1286. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-PATRO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no fund has been allocated for the construction of new railway lines or for conversion or conducting surveys in Orissa; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a)

The portion between Jakhapura and Daitari on the Jakhapura-Banspani new line costing Rs. 56 crores is currently under construction in Orissa State for which funds to the extent of Rs. 1.50 crores have been allotted in the current financial year. Surveys for new lines which are in hand include new rail links between Koraput and Parvatipuram, Rayagada, Talcher and Sambalpur and conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi narrow gauge line, with a total outlay of Rs. 8.50 lacs in the current year. Moreover, around Rs. 100 crores were spent on new lines and surveys in Orissa since 1960 and the lines which have been completed include Sambalpur-Titalagarh, Bimlagarh-Kiriburu, Cuttack-Paradip, Bondamunda-Puranapani railway lines which are wholly in Orissa and also Bailadilla-Kottavalasa and Ranchi-Rourkela, which lie partly in Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of Polio Vaccine

1287. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister for HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps so far taken to meet the shortage of polio vaccine in the near future in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): No shortage of polio vaccine in the country is anticipated.

Association of Indian Sikhs with the Administration of Gurudwaras in Pakistan

1288. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani authorities have assured the Indian Sikh pilgrims during their recent pilgrimage to Punjasaheb to the effect that the Pakistan Govern-