

to applicants for services. A major effort has been made by the High Commission to establish good contacts with Indian Organisations. Cases of hardship and discrimination, if supported by full facts, are taken up with the British authorities for redress.

Introduction of super-fast trains

1307. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA:
SHRI KISHAN LAL
SHARMA:
SHRI BUDDHA PRIYA
MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce some super-fast trains during the current year; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) One Super-fast train between Ahmedabad and New Delhi has already been introduced from 1-5-79. There is no proposal at present for introduction of any other super-fast train during the current year.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway line between Raipur and Baster

1308. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA:
SHRI KISHAN LAL
SHARMA:
SHRI BUDDHA PRIYA
MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to construct a rail line connecting Jagdalpur with Raipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

SHEO NARAIN): A Final Location Survey for construction of a new broad gauge line from Jagdalpur to Dalli Rajhara to connect Raipur was conducted in 1972-73. This 234 Kms. long BG line is estimated to cost Rs. 46 crores approximately on present day costs. The project is not financially viable. In view of the present financial resources, the question of taking up the project would depend upon the availability of funds for construction of new lines for development purposes.

Renewal of D.T.C. passes of students

1309. SHRI PIARE LAL KUREEL
URF PIARE LAL
TALIB:
SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-
DEEN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.T.C. authorities are not permitting the students holding concession passes to get their passes renewed during the summer vacation months of June and July though the students are to attend special classes in their schools and colleges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a lot of resentment amongst the students on this account; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir. The passes of the students who have to attend classes/library during summer vacation are renewed by the DTC on the specific recommendations of the head of the concerned educational Institution.

(b) No such complaints have been received.

(c) Does not arise.