

(b) 3,000 hectares approximately.

(c) 33 hectares approximately.

(d) Yes.

(e) Eviction proceedings under the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 have already been initiated against the unauthorised occupants of the railway land.

#### Assam Mail canteen

1662. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the person or the firm who has been given the contract to run Assam Mail canteen and since when;

(b) whether the same person or firm is also given contract to run some other railway canteens of the North Eastern Frontier Railway; and

(c) what is the number of complaints received in the recent past from the Members of Parliament and public against the above contractor or firm and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) M/s. R R, Catering Co since 1957.

(b) Yes.  
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(c) In the year 1978-79, Northeast Frontier Railway received no complaint from Members of Parliament and 4 complaints from the public. In two cases the contractor was fined and in two cases warned.

#### Construction of railway line between Wani and Chanaka on the Central Railway

1663. SHRI B. D. KHOBRAGADE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have abandoned the construction work of railway line between Wani and Chanaka on the Central Railway in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the reasons;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Government have instructed the Maharashtra Government to recover from the farmers, the amount of compensation paid to them for acquiring land required for the said railway construction; and

(d) what is the amount spent so far on this railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) Construction of Wani-Chanaka rail link was sanctioned in 1974-75 to serve primarily the cement plant that was at that time proposed to be set up at Chanaka. As the proposed cement plant did not materialise, the construction work on the line was suspended<sup>7</sup> in 1977-78. Since, however, the Planning Commission have now cleared the project, it is proposed to resume construction work on the project in the coming financial year i.e. 1979-80, to deal with cement from Adilabad by movement via Pipalkoti—a station short of Chanaka.

(c) No.

(d) Rs. 1.67 crores.

#### Late running of Qutab Express

1664. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Qutab Express has been running late for the last two months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) Luring: January and February, 1979 the punct-

tuahty performance of 150 Qutab-Narmada Express going to Jabalpur was satisfactory but that of 149 Qutab-Narmada Express coming to Nizam-uddin was not due mainly to alarm chain pulling on Jabalpur-Mainpur section and some other miscellaneous reasons.

(c) A close watch on the performance of 149/150 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jabalpur Qutab-Narmada Express is being maintained by the concerned Zonal Railway. In order to curb the incidence of alarm chain pulling, the Zonal Railways have instructions to maintain liaison with the State Government at all levels.

#### t [Delay in booking of wagon, for dis-

मेड़ता रोड स्टेशन से सिलीगुड़ी तक  
चूना भेजने के लिए माल डिब्बों की बुकिंग  
में देरी

1665. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या  
रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1977-78 तथा 1978-79  
के दौरान प्रत्येक माह उत्तर रेलवे के मेड़ता  
रोड स्टेशन पर सिलीगुड़ी को चूना भेजने के  
लिए कितने माल डिब्बे बुक किये गये ; और

(ख) क्या गत कई महीनों से चुने के  
लिए माल डिब्बों की बुकिंग बन्द कर दी गई  
है ; यदि हाँ, तो ऐसा कब से किन् स्टेशनों के  
लिए किया गया है और उसके क्या कारण  
हैं ?

#### patching of lime from Merta Road Station to Siliguri

1665. SHRI SUNDER SINGH  
BHANDARI: Will the Minister of  
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of wagons booked  
for despatching lime at Merta Road Station  
on the Northern Railway for Siliguri town  
during 1977-78 and 1978-79, month-wise;  
and

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(b) whether the booking of wagons for  
lime has been stopped for the last several  
months; if so, since when together with the  
names of the stations for which it has been  
closed and the reasons therefor?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिव्य  
नारायण) : (क)

महीना	लादे गये माल डिब्बों की संख्या	
	1977-78	1978-79
अप्रैल	11	8
मई	6	12
जून	6	11
जुलाई	10	19
अगस्त	10	20
सितम्बर	25	8
अक्तूबर	26	5
नवम्बर	17	13
दिसम्बर	19	15
जनवरी	36	6
फरवरी	24	6
मार्च	20	9
( 10 मार्च तक )		

(ख) पूर्वोत्तर सीमा रेलवे पर लादे गये  
चल स्टॉक का बहुत अधिक जमघट हो जाने  
के कारण तथा वहाँ माल डिब्बों के और अधिक  
जमा होने से बचने के लिए पूर्वोत्तर सीमा रेलवे को  
जाने वाले यातायात को नियमित करना अपे-  
क्षित था इसलिए, उत्तर रेलवे से बुकिंग को  
दिसम्बर, 1978 में 18 दिन, जनवरी,  
1979 में 26 दिन और फरवरी, 1979 में  
24 दिन तक प्रतिबन्धित रखना पड़ गया  
था ।