

Underground railway project in Calcutta

*176. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the major constraints in the execution of the underground railway project in Calcutta is the non-availability of adequate funds;

(b) what is the amount of expenditure so far incurred on the project and what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the amount sought by the MTP authorities for the work for the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(d) whether any money has been sanctioned;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 29.56 crores has been spent upto September 1977 as detailed below:

(Rs. in crores)

1. Land	2.28
2. Structural Engineering works	16.00
3. Rolling stock	0.04
4. Materials procured for use, general charges, accommodation, developmental expenditure, suspension, etc.	11.24

(c) The MTP (R) Calcutta have tentatively asked for funds as follows:
(Rs. in crores)

1978-79	14.48
1979-80	29.02
1980-81	35.00

(d) to (f) The allocation of funds for the above period has yet to be decided in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Proposal to rename railway 'coolie' as 'Yatri Sahayak'

*177. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:
SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIB-ULLAH:
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISO-DIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to rename the railway 'coolie' as 'Yatri-Sahayak'; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) On the analogy of the Parcel Porters and Box Porters, the persons deployed to carry passengers' luggage within the station premises, are called "Licensed Porters" with the Hindi equivalent 'लाइसेंस प्राप्त कार्गिक' and not coolies.

However, a suggestion has been received that the licensed porters at railway stations may be called 'Yatri Sahayaks'. The word 'Yatri Sahayak' is already in use for 'Passenger Guides' who assist passengers at stations in the matter of purchase of tickets, reservation of seats and berths etc. Under the circumstances, the question of appropriate designations will have to be examined.