

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some workmen employed at Baroda and Bhatinda Field Offices of Engineers India Limited staged dharna from 18th April, 1978 to 13th May, 1978 at the Registered Office of Engineers India Limited at Parliament Street, New Delhi, against anticipated retrenchment. Five of the workmen on dharna also went on indefinite hunger strike from 1st May, 1978 to 10th May, 1978. The indefinite fast was broken on 10th May, 1978 and the dharna was also unilaterally withdrawn with effect from 13th May, 1978.

(b) None of the workmen employed at Baroda and Bhatinda field offices has so far been retrenched. In accordance with Engineers India Limited's policy they are to be retrenched on the expiry of the period of assignment for the specific project in question. However Engineers India Limited are taking steps to secure alternative employment for them in other undertakings to the extent possible.

सोनपुर से गोरखपुर तक बड़ी लाइन का बिछाया जाना

1000. श्री प्रकाश महरोत्रा :

श्री रामानन्द यादव :

श्री अहमद होसेन मण्डल :

श्री नत्थी सिंह :

श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सोनपुर से गोरखपुर तक जो बड़ी लाइन बिछायी जा रही थी, उस पर काम रोकें जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि बड़ी लाइन के निर्माण के लिए जो सामान सोनपुर में

पड़ा था, उसे अब बाराबंकी ले जाया जा रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो सोनपुर से गोरखपुर तक बड़ी लाइन बिछाने का कार्य कब तक पुनः शुरू कर दिया जायेगा और उसे कब तक पूरा कर दिया जायेगा ?

[†] Laying of broad-gauge line from Sonpur to Gorakhpur

1000. SHRI PRAKASH

MEHROTRA;

SHRI RAMANAND YADAV;

SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN

MONDAL;

SHRI NATHI SINGH;

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for stopping the work for laying the broad-gauge line from Sonpur to Gorakhpur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the material for the construction of the broad gauge line which was lying at Sonpur is now being taken to Barabanki; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, by when the work for laying the broad gauge line from Sonpur to Gorakhpur will restart and by when it will be completed?]

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) सोनपुर से गोरखपुर तक बड़ी लाइन बिछाने का काम बन्द नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

† [] English translation.

(ग) समस्तीपुर से बाराबंकी तक गामान परिवर्तन के कुल काम का 56 प्रतिशत भाग पूरा हो चुका है और सोनपुर से बाराबंकी तक की परियोजना का शेष सम्पूर्ण काम 1980 तक पूरा कर लेने की योजना है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The work for laying the broad gauge line from Sonpur to Gorakhpur has not been stopped.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 56 per cent of total conversion work from Samastipur to Barabanki has been completed and the entire remaining projects from Sonpur to Barabanki is planned for completion by 1980].

Special assignments for the retired judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts

1001. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retired judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts who have been given special assignments during the last one year;

(b) the details of the assignments given to them; and

(c) the details of the assignments still continuing?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) to (c) Appointment of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts is made by the various authorities like the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, autonomous bodies etc. taking into account the suitability of the retired Judge for the particular

assignment. The required information is, therefore, not readily available and is being collected.

Use of new technique in oil exploration

1002. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new technique in oil exploration has been evolved;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Soviet expert team visited India in April, 1978 in this connection;

(c) what are the details of the new technique developed; and

(d) to what extent it will help in oil exploration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cases of chain pulling in railway trains

1003. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of chain pulling in railway trains during the period from the 1st July, 1977 to the 30th June, 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that a simple device to act as an alternative to chain pulling contemplated several years ago, particularly for the ladies compartment, has not been developed so far; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and