

†[Introduction of new express train from
Delhi to Bangalore

12. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has taken a decision to introduce a new passenger express train on metre gauge line from Delhi to Bangalore via Ajmer-Khandwa; and

(b) if so, by when this new service is likely to be introduced?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपसत्री (सरदार बूटा सिंह):
(क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR
BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.]

Rise in Price of Crude oil

13. SHRI PARKASHVEER SHASTRI:
SHRI GANESHI LAL MALI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Burmah-Shell and Caltex have recently increased the prices of crude oil to be imported by them since January this year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for the price rise; and

(c) what is the likely impact of this price rise on petrol and other petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & CHE-
MICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a)
and (b). Burmah-Shell and Caltex have
increased the price of crude oil with effect

†[] English translation.

from 1-10-1974 as indicated below:

	From	To
Burmah-Shell	9.90/bbl	\$10.40/bbl
Caltex	9.75/bbl	\$10.25/bbl

The reasons for the price increase are being ascertained from the companies.

(c) The impact of the increase in crude prices is that the cost of crude imports would go up by Rs. 5 crores during the quarter October-December 1974. This is not being passed on to the consumers of petroleum products for the present.

**Halt of Deluxe and Western Express at
Nagda Junction**

14. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations requesting for halts of Deluxe and Western Express trains running between Delhi and Bombay at Nagda Junction; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR
BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The stoppage of 25/26 Air-conditioned Deluxe/Paschmi Express has been provided at Nagda with effect from 21-10-1974.

Rail Project in Madhya Pradesh

15. SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR
SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of Cabinet Ministers from Madhya Pradesh met him recently and requested him to start work on the projected railway in Madhya Pradesh to help the scarcity-hit people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Three new projects falling in Madhya Pradesh having total cost of Rs. 5.24 crores have been in-

cluded in the Budget for 1974-75 and the work on them will be taken up shortly. An outlay of Rs. 55.25 lakhs has been proposed in 1974-75 on these works. A number of other schemes having considerable employment potential are also in progress in that State. Details of important new works and works in progress in Madhya Pradesh is given as per the attached statement.

Statement

Works in progress in Madhya Pradesh

Description	Length in crores	Cost (Rs. in crores)	Outlay in 74-75 (Rs. lakhs)
New works approved in 1974-75			
1. Raipur-expansion of Wagon Repair Shop		4.08	45.25
2. New Katni Yard Remodelling		.74	5.00
3. Junnardeo Yard Remodelling		0.42	5.00
			55.25
Works in progress			
1. Broad Gauge line from Guna to Maksi	193.35	10.51	58.00
2. Doubling from Nagda to Ramganj Mandi (Partly in Madhya Pradesh)	153.00	12.58	
3. Doubling of Basai-Matatila and Gher-Retampur Section	13.54	5.74	20.00
4. Doublings in Bina-Katni Section	119.00	10.19	281.00
5. Electrification of Rourkela-Durg Section		21.68	70.00
6. Provision of rail facilities at Bachel		4.21	98.50
7. Provision of flyover at Bina		1.03	40.60
8. Itarsi Yard-additional facilities		1.01	30.00
			729.35

Hunger-strike by discharged staff

16. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of discharged staff of the South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the discharged staff went on relay hunger strike at Santragachi demanding re-employment; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-employ all the discharged staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) The services of about 4850 casual labour/substitutes got discontinued because they took part in an illegal strike and they had to be deemed as discharged. In addition 2100 permanent and temporary staff of South Eastern Railway had also been removed/dissmised or had their services terminated.