

West Bengal in the near future; if so, what are these areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): Yes, Sir, The ONGC have released one location on Bakultala structure and two on Galsi structure. Drilling at Bakultala is expected to start this year.

Electrification of Railways in Kerala

816. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to electrify the Railways in Kerala; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present.

Extension of Vaishali Express from Kasganj to Agra Fort

817. SHRI QASIM ALI ABID:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI:
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:
SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN:
SHRI S. A. HASHMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suggestions have been received to extend Vaishali Express from Kasganj to Agra Fort Railway Station; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that between Agra Fort and Kasganj there is only one express train running at present and there is need for additional express trains on this section?

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

(b) No. Kasganj-Agra Fort section is at present served by 2 pairs of Express trains namely 11UP/12 DN Kumaon Express and 13UP/14 DN Agra Express and one pair of passenger train. There is no traffic justification for introduction of an additional Express train on this section as even the existing services on this section are not fully utilized.

Supply of Stationery to Railway Staff

818. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the non-supply of pencils, tumblers and drinking water to the staff of the Southern Railway Reservation Office at Madras Central Station; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Railway Administration to provide these facilities to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). A reference was received from Shri Samar Mukherjee, M. P. in 1974 about non-supply of pencils and tumblers to the staff of Southern Railway Reservation Office at Madras Central station and that arrangements for supply of drinking water by providing earthen pots were inadequate. Enquiries, however, reveal that the staff are being regularly supplied with pencils and tumblers and that adequate earthen pots for storing drinking water are also available in the Reservation Office.

Closing down of Martin Light Railway

819. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Martin Burn Company has already given the closure